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THE EDITOR SAYS—

The Standard editor has been feeling pretty rotten for several days on account of a touch of flu, but hopes writing this paragraph will take some of the poison out of his system. We are getting damn tired of hearing every few weeks of efforts being made to get rid of Dan Pepper as superintendent of the Municipal Plant and replacing him with some honest, but ignorant with the duties, local man, at a greatly reduced salary. We hold no particular brief for Dan Pepper, but we are satisfied he is competent, is honest and sincerely interested in seeing the plant make money and pay off the city obligations. He is a highly educated and polished gentleman and knows more about kilowatts and ohms than a bootlegger knows about his whiskey. He has always been ready and is competent to defend municipally-owned plants with all comers. There is not a member of the Board of Public Works that is educated along the lines of the duties of a Superintendent and the plant would be left in a fine fix without a scientific and technical man to call in conference. If there is anything wrong with Mr. Pepper, fire him and give the reason, but get in his place, a man equally as competent, if the local plant is to prosper. Wish the Board of Public Works would forever set at rest these rumors by issuing a statement that no \$100 man can fill the position.

We voted for the 18th Amendment believing it would free all jails and penitentiaries and have been sorry every since. It now looks as we were about to come into our beer again and we are not very happy. Except for the revenue received it is likely to be a sloppy mess. It depends on what regulations are passed with it, whether or not it will satisfy.

We, the people, will be glad when our Uncle Sam finds some way to keep the postoffices open full days a week and the general delivery the seventh. The postal service is the best service for the public and we hate to do without it. We would rather miss our whiskey.

From what we see in the papers there will be a great many fine used cars on the market during the next few months. At Washington, Old Economy is going to make a lot of Government folks talk or pay their own way. The same is true in State Capitals and City Governments. It might be just as well to burn these surplus cars as to unload them on an already overloaded public.

Most everybody wants to sell you something and hardly anybody can pay. There is where the trade stops. A fellow could sell anything he has on credit, but could not replace for the jobber wants his money. If old depression ever comes from around the corner and gives the forgotten man any money then trade will be good. But when, oh when!

The editor has had his dahlia patch fixed for the winter. Four ads of cotton hulls were scattered over the ground, then four ads of stable manure over that. The ground was then deeply spaded and left for the winter rains, snows, freezes and thaws. In the early spring the ground will again be spaded, the stages set ready for roots around the first of May.

J. J. Vaughn, who has been in poor health for some time, was a flier at The Standard office Tuesday morning. He returned from St. Louis Sunday night, where he underwent an operation for tic-douloureux, at the Jewish Hospital. This disease is something like neuralgia and the nerve was moved. He was very glad to turn home.

If the Volstead Act is amended to permit beer and light wines we are called on to recommend a man to handle the goods. Sikeston, it will be business as usual who is known to be honest and conscientious, one that has ver dealt in liquor and gambled for a living, never been a preacher, a drunkard or hypocrite. We've got our eye on the type of an right now and he would run a place in as orderly a manner as any other business in Sikeston. Screens, tables, chairs, or loafers allowed. You buy your package and take home with you just the same as a loaf of bread. We wouldn't qualify.

Prof. Einstein is threatening to ncel his visit to America because he was asked if he was a communist or an anarchist—and is charged with being a communist. It would be a terrible blow to our high brows if he didn't come.

Council Reduces Auto License Fees Slightly

Automobile owners in Sikeston will henceforth pay slightly less for the use of streets and alleys in their city, following action of the Council last Monday in reducing the city tax from \$5 to \$4, or on smaller machines, from \$3 to \$2.50. A petition presented by W. C. Edwards, and signed by approximately 116 auto owners and operators was the cause of a lengthy wrangle, and the action as outlined.

C. L. Malone, president of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Council in behalf of the State Highway Department and the E. C. Matthews estate, asking that the city credit the 1931 tax book with taxes assessed against all lots now owned by the Highway Commission in East Side Addition, and also that the Council recommend to the County Court that the body credit the county tax books with all unpaid taxes prior to this time. The motion was adopted.

These lots were recently acquired (1930-1931) by the Commission through the local Chamber of Commerce, co-operating with the E. C. Matthews estate. In this action, the City of Sikeston was selected as the location of Division 10 Highway Department headquarters. The lots referred to now accommodate the new garage and headquarters buildings, storage sheds and maintenance department quarters.

Mr. Self, owner of the Talley property, located on Highway 61 cut-off at the north city limits, asked cancellation of penalties charged against the property for 1929-1930 and 1931.

Councilman Smith moved that the penalties be waived on delinquent taxes until December 20, 1932, for the year 1927 only, and the motion was thus carried.

The automobile license reduction petition has been the object of much talk. Several auto owners have raised the point, whether true or not, that the "wheel tax" or city auto license tax, should be expended entirely upon street improvements and maintenance. The present condition of many oiled streets, especially

as regards the prevalence of "chuck holes", and rough areas indicated to them that sufficient time and money was not being expended on this phase of city work. The objected, to use the words of one objector, to paying for something they did not receive—good streets for their city auto license money.

Walter Kendall, chief of police, reported a total of ten arrests during the month of November, and the collection of \$31 in fines.

A report of the City Treasurer revealed the following condition: Balance in General Revenue fund \$2569.59 Balance in Sinking Fund. 1231.96 Balance in Light Plant fund 1746.82

Five November Fires
The Council passed bills due firemen, amounting to \$47 for work at five fires during the month.

A report from the Water and Street Department showed meter readings of \$1144.17, material and labor sold \$28.06 for a total of \$1172.23.

Deductions were noted as follows: Water department expense \$454.99, street department expense \$451.23 leaving a net monthly balance for November of \$266.01 in the Street and Water Department treasury.

Fall and winter is usually characterized as tax paying periods, and this is again evinced in the report of collector Elmos Taylor.

Mr. Taylor reported the receipt of the following items:
Real estate taxes \$ 981.81
Personal 129.14
Poll 42.00
Cemetery 28.00
Merchants' taxes 34.10
Auto license 500.00
Merchants' license 398.75
Graves sold 1.00
Water receipts 1151.71
Meter deposits 10.00
Water equipment 2.50
Interest 125.52
Clerk's cost 4.50
Collector's Commission 27.77
Building permits 2.00
Sewer permits 2.50
Weed cutting 2.00
Total collections \$3443.30

Postoffice to Remain Open Wednesdays for Xmas Trade

According to W. E. Hollingsworth, postmaster, the Sikeston postoffice will remain open Wednesday afternoons to accommodate Xmas mailing. For the past several months the office has been closed at noon Wednesday under the 44-hour per week rule of the Department. Many other offices give employees Saturday after-

noons off, but in this rural community, Saturday closing meant additional inconvenience for country folks who usually come to town to do their trading on that day. For the next two weeks, however, the office will remain open to accommodate customers and to take care of the seasonal influx of Christmas business.

ARSON SUSPECTED IN TUESDAY MORNING FIRE

An inspector for the Missouri Inspection Bureau, assisted by John A. Young, local fire chief, Milburn Arbaugh and M. E. Montgomery, prosecuting attorney for Scott County, conducted an investigation Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Herman Bandy, 408 North Prairie Avenue, damaged by a mystery fire at 2:30 o'clock that morning. The investigation led to the formation of the opinion that the house had been purposely fired in two places, the front or southwest room, and a small room in the northwest corner of the structure.

The odor of kerosene was very pronounced in several places, noticeably on a partially burned rug in the front room, two spots on a rug in a bed room, considerably damaged by smoke and heat, and in the small back room used for closet space and storage. The oil

had soaked through the floor covering and in several places penetrated the wood floor.

Actual fire damage was confined for the most part to the front room, in which all furniture was a total loss. The room will require a new floor, doors and sashes in addition to replastering and papering. Other rooms in the structure will require some attention and repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Bandy were not at home, having left the city about 8:00 or 8:30 o'clock to spend the night with friends and relatives in Cape Girardeau. They were not informed about the fire until noon Wednesday.

Thomas Meyers, 424 North Prairie, owner of the house, stated that the entire place had been retouched and repaired recently. The alarm was sounded by Billie Walker, who resides across the street.

KROGER TO HOLD MEETING AT CARBONDALE SUNDAY

A program meeting of officials and employees of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Company will be held at the Barth Theatre in Carbondale, Ill., at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 11. Mr. Morrill, President of the Company, and Mr. Duppert, General Manager, will be the principal speakers. Those from the Sikeston Stores who expect to attend are Hugh Stewart, Manager of the Malone Avenue Store, and Melfred Taylor, clerk; Russell Walker, manager of the North Kroger Store, and Jimmy Connis and Carlbank Wallace, clerks.

LOCAL STERLING STORE HOLIDAY SALE STARTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

A Holiday Opening Sale will get underway Friday this week at the local Sterling Store, according to manager Slayton. Of special interest to the kiddies of Southeast Missouri and of the Sikeston District is the Toyland Department, which contains hundreds of toys and Christmas suggestions. Thousands of two-color posters have been mailed from this store announcing this sale event, and a record crowd of Xmas shoppers is expected. The store is fully decorated in appropriate colors.

ASHER JAILED ON CHARGE OF SHOOTING HIS WIFE SUNDAY

Merrill "Dutch" Asher, 32-year-old farmer and gin employee of Cooter, Mo., who shot and dangerously wounded his wife, Grace, at the Jess Vincent home in New Madrid was arrested in Clarkston Sunday afternoon and temporarily lodged in the Caruthersville jail. Officers brought him to New Madrid Monday, where he now awaits trial.

Asher and his wife had been estranged for the past two months and she had been making her home with the Vincent family in New Madrid. Asher appeared there Sunday morning on the pretense of seeing his 4-year-old daughter, but remained to plead with his wife to return to him.

Both finally became angry, and Asher left. He drove back to Cooter, obtained a shotgun, and returned to the Vincent home in New Madrid, firing point blank at his wife. Amputation of her left hand and part of the forearm was necessary at the hospital. She will recover.

RICHLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO CONSIDER RECLEANING PROGRAM

A Commissioners report to the Circuit Court in this county was ordered withdrawn for revision, by the Board of Supervisors of the Richland Drainage District Tuesday this week at a meeting of that body held in the office of the Sikeston Trust Company. An ambitious program which called for digging new ditches, providing new outlets, and making other expensive changes, was included in the report of the Commissioners which the Board now asks to be remanded for modification.

Landowners represented by the Supervisors asked that a program of recleaning the 37 odd miles of ditches, to bring drainage up to its original efficiency, be substituted.

Tentative proposals on the part of contractors make this movement highly desirable. An offer to do the work at a cost of less than \$2 per acre for the 22,000 acres of land in the area, has been received.

The Committee will confer with New Madrid County landowners on December 14, 1:30 o'clock, at Matthews to endeavor to get cooperation in the recleaning program. Five persons comprise the Board of Supervisors in the district, which incidentally has paid off all of its original obligation.

DISTRICT CHEVROLET DEALERS SEE NEW CARS

Sikeston and Oran Chevrolet dealers went to Memphis Wednesday this week to see the new Chevrolet models on display at a show, which was attended by approximately 700 dealers. C. E. Mitchell, H. G. Sharp, Ed Kendall and L. L. Conatzer of this city, and Mr. Tenkoff of Oran drove to the southern metropolis this week.

KUGMAN BROS. AFFAIR TO BE SETTLED SOON

According to a notice received from the Adjustment Bureau of the St. Louis Association of Credit Men, the affairs of Irving and Sam Kugman, or Kugman Brothers, who last fall filed in bankruptcy, will probably be ready for settlement by January 23. Quite a number of merchants and especially job and newspaper offices in Southeast Missouri were caught in the Kugman crash. The brothers made their living by buying stocks of bankrupt or near bankrupt merchants and staging "selling out" sales. The adjustment bureau will declare its dividend to creditors shortly after the first of February.

SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY LYCEUM NUMBER WED.

The second of a series of five lyceum numbers contracted for by the local high school for presentation during assembly hours this year was represented in the gymnasium Wednesday morning. Students from sixth to twelfth grades seemed to enjoy the program of popular and classical music, as interpreted by a troupe of five Hawaiian musicians.

GLEE CLUB OPERETTA POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS OF CAST

The illness with influenza of several members of the cast caused the postponement until next week of the Glee Club operetta scheduled for presentation this week, Friday. Six or eight main characters in the musical playlet went down for the count this week. Roy V. Ellis, superintendent, stated today that he hoped the operetta could be presented next week, Tuesday or Wednesday night. Definite announcement will be made Monday.

"TWO YEARS EACH" SAYS JUDGE TO YOUNG AUTO THIEVES

Russell Wilson, a juvenile and his associate, Alfred Leathers, two Parma boys, were sentenced to serve two years in the Missouri reformatory and State penitentiary respectively, following a plea of guilty to car theft, in Circuit Court Wednesday. Paroles will probably be granted, provided such action meets with the joint approval of John Scott, from whom the car was stolen, and an insurance company which carried the theft policy.

According to unofficial statements by Wilson, he accompanied Leathers to Sikeston in a car belonging to the latter, Wednesday night, November 30.

Wilson claims he was given the choice of driving Scott's car back to Parma, or of walking back home. He drove the car. Leathers, it was claimed, actually stripped the machine and offered certain parts for sale.

The machine was recovered late Sunday night by Sheriff Tom Scott working with trooper Hubert Brooks. The two boys were picked up and charged with the theft, brought to Sikeston, and later removed to Benton, where the case was immediately brought to trial. Scott recovered most of the stolen property.

2271 New Madrid Farmers Receive Benefits From County Agent Office

BY GORDON B. NANCE
New Madrid, December 7.—The following information is taken from the annual report of the County Agent made to the College of Agriculture this week: Twenty-two hundred and seventy-one New Madrid County farmers profited in 1932 by following the advice of the County Extension Office in growing better home gardens to reduce the necessary cash outlay for living expenses. The amount by which these farmers profited was estimated at \$15 each—\$3 per member of the family—or an approximate total of \$34,000. These estimates were arrived at by a survey of 243 farms, made by dependable farmers on their own and adjoining farms, and applying these average figures to the total number of farms in the County.

According to this survey 2062 farmers planted more different kinds of vegetables than last year, 2295 farmers had better fall gardens than last year, 1415 adopted recommended methods of controlling garden insects, 2271 produced more vegetables than last year, despite a less favorable season, and 1912 farmers have more vegetables stored for winter.

The estimated saving of \$15 per family would seem to be a rather conservative figure when compared with some actual records of New Madrid County gardens. The average value of the vegetables supplied by the home garden in 1929 was given as \$25 by the U. S. Census. One of New Madrid County's gardens this year on September 1st had already supplied the family with vegetables for table use and for canning, which if bought at this village grocery would have cost \$140. Nor was this particular garden by any means the only garden which would have shown such returns. The Extension Agent personally saw twenty or more gardens which would have compared favorably with the one mentioned.

It is recognized, of course, that economic conditions and experiences last year are conditions to increase vegetable production, and that all this increase is not due to Extension effort. However, the Extension Office gave frequent and timely information as to the value of all year farm gardens, what vegetables and varieties of vegetables to plant, when they should be planted, how they should be cultivated and fertilized, how to control garden insects, etc., in meetings, circular letters, and in newspaper stories which reached every section of the country, and feels that no small part of this increase can be credited to these efforts.

The Sikeston Lions Club sponsored a Garden Contest, with prizes to be awarded on reports of quarterly inspections, which increased interest in home gardens—especially in the northern part of the county. The Extension Agent believes, that with the assistance of local communities, that the results achieved this year can be trebled in the next two or three years, thereby not only materially decreasing the necessary cash outlay for living expenses but also, because of the improved diet, contributing to the health of the community.

Federal Crop Loans
More than 1000 farmers were assisted in securing Federal Crop Loans which totaled \$120,000. Many of these men were also assisted in making settlement on these loans. Because of the work of the Extension Office, New Madrid County farmers were able to secure more loans and more adequate loans with less delay.

That the securing of these loans were of benefit to farmers and to the County is generally conceded. Without them some farmers would have paid higher rates of interest and many others could not have secured credit on which to make

their crop. Without these loans, less land would have been cultivated, less rental collected, less taxes and bills paid and more people would have had to be taken care of by charity. The fact that the County Extension Agent was an experienced employee of the same United States Department of Agriculture that granted these loans, lent weight to his suggestions and enable him to be particularly effective in this work.

The Extension Office and the Farm Bureau organized local committees in 12 communities to prepare the loan applications in proper form, thus saving many repetitions and much delay. The limit of the loans to the tenant of one landlord were originally fixed at \$500. The Extension Office was able to have this restriction entirely removed; it secured the inclusion of provisions for loans for feed for work stock as well as loans for food and seed; it secured increased in the amount loaned for feed per mule.

An estimate of the Extension Agents effectiveness may be had from a comparison of the loans secured in New Madrid County, which had an Extension Agent, with an adjoining county which did not have an Extension Agent. New Madrid County, with approximately twice as many farms and twice the cotton acreage of the adjoining county received approximately five times as many loans. A letter from the office in charge of the loan office in St. Louis states in part "we have found it almost impossible to do real constructive work in any county in which there is not an agent".

MATTHEWS CHILD DIES WITH MEMBRANES CROUP
Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, in the Matthews Christian church for James William Higgins, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgins of Matthews, the cause of his death being membranes croup. Rev. Harding, pastor of the church, officiated. Interment was made in the Matthews cemetery, Albrighton in charge.

FIRE DAMAGES W. C. BOWMAN HOME
The large, frame home of Judge W. C. Bowman was damaged by fire at 1:40 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The blaze originated in the southwest part of the house, presumably from a defective kitchen flue. A large portion of the roof on the west side of the structure was destroyed, and water damage to the interior and furnishings of the home will be extensive.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. J. H. HELD WEDNESDAY
Mrs. Alverda Rebecca Held, wife of the late J. H. Held, died last Wednesday at the home of her son, Joseph Held, in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Ala., following a critical illness of two weeks. She was born February 8, 1858 and died December 7 at the advanced age of 74 years, 9 months and 29 days.

The body was shipped to Sikeston arriving here on the noon Frisco train, and was removed to the Welsh Funeral Parlor, where it will lie in state until Friday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the Sikeston Methodist church with Rev. E. H. Oran officiating. A definite hour has not been set pending the arrival of her son, Joe, who is driving thru.

Excelsior Springs—R. N. Robertson & Son purchased Mayes Lunch, 110 North Main Street.

Amsterdam—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence May purchased Hawkins Grocery Store.

Red Cross Roll Call To Be Finished in Scott December 12

The 1932 Roll Call campaign of the Scott County Chapter, American Red Cross, will officially close December 12. J. E. Harper, chairman, has requested all Chapter Roll Call chairmen to finish call back work, tabulate results, and make their final report by Monday.

Horace Colley, 52, Gets 20 Years on Plea of Guilty; Killed Brother Last May

Horace Colley, 52 years old, who last May shot and killed his brother, Oscar Colley, 39, during an altercation at the home of their mother in Blodgett, was sentenced in Scott County Circuit Court Wednesday to serve twenty years in the State penitentiary, following his plea of guilty.

The case came up for trial last week, but Colley asked for a change of venue from the court of Judge Frank Kelly, who named Judge E. M. Deering of Potosi to sit on the case in circuit court Wednesday, December 7. Colley's plea of guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree came somewhat as a surprise. Oscar Colley died at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon, May 30, in the Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau of gunshot wounds inflicted early that morning by his brother, Horace. According to one version of the unfortunate affair, Oscar, who had been working in Boone, Iowa, lost his job and returned home to live with his mother. It is alleged that she asked her younger son to speak with "Army" about the latter's activities as a bootlegger. On that May morning the matter was aired, the brothers quarreled violently, and Oscar is alleged to have threatened an investigation by the sheriff. The shooting followed. There were no eye witnesses, the mother having since stated that she was in the kitchen of her home, and did not see the affair which happened outside.

OLD SANTA TO PAY THREE WEEKLY VISITS TO KIDDIES WHO COME TO SIKESTON 'TWEEN NOW AND XMAS

Not one visit but three Saturday visits will be paid to Sikeston by that world famous dispenser of good cheer, Santa Claus, between now and Christmas. Sikeston merchants have worked many hours overtime this past week in order to have Santa visit the city next Saturday, and each of the two following Saturdays including the day before Christmas. And on each visit, Santa will have something different to entertain his friends, and to make their stay and shopping in Sikeston interesting and profitable.

For instance, Santa will drive in town next Saturday afternoon and distribute a truck load of toys, fruit, candies, live chickens and other gifts—a whole truck load to be scattered broadside to the crowd of kiddies and grown-ups are will line the streets and follow his truck through town. Remember his visit last year? Then be here Saturday afternoon and get your share.

The bewhiskered old gentleman from the North Pole has another stunt up his sleeve for the Saturday following, December 17. Merchants are making it possible for him to give away dozens and dozens of valuable gifts, but in this case everyone will hunt for the treasures. Several thousand numbered posters have been mailed to persons living in the trade area around Sikeston. Keep those posters and bring your copy to Sikeston on the seventeenth. You may have to go from store to store in order to find a gift bearing the number on your handbill, and then again you may find your gift at the very first store. It will be fun for everyone.

Then on the Saturday before Christmas, December 24, Sikeston merchants will give away additional valuable prizes. Purchases made at many local stores will entitle you to participate in this event which cannot be explained because certain rules and regulations of valuable gifts, but in this case everyone will hunt for the treasures. Several thousand numbered posters have been mailed to persons living in the trade area around Sikeston. Keep those posters and bring your copy to Sikeston on the seventeenth. You may have to go from store to store in order to find a gift bearing the number on your handbill, and then again you may find your gift at the very first store. It will be fun for everyone.

JIMMIE RODGERS, "BLUE YODLER" TO BE STAGE ATTRACTION DEC. 15-16

The one and only Jimmie Rodgers whose yodeling has gained for himself enviable contracts with the Victor Talking Machine Company and various radio broadcasting stations will appear in person at the Malone Theatre Thursday and Friday, December 15 and 16. For some reason or other thousands of country folks have developed a taste for Jimmie's particular talent, and his record of "packing 'em in" is well known wherever and whenever he has appeared in theatres outside of the large cities.

Rodgers will appear only at the two night performances, giving one performance each day. The picture attraction Thursday and Friday will find Richard Dix and Ann Harding featured in "The Conquerors".

SERVICES HELD FOR WM. FINLEY POTTS

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the residence for William Finley Potts, 58 years old, who died of dropsy after an illness of about one year. Rev. A. Z. Pulliam, pastor of the Pentecostal church officiated. Interment was in Bright Prospect Cemetery. He is survived by his widow.

SIX COURT GAMES SET FOR FRIDAY

Six basketball games are scheduled in this district for Friday, and one for Saturday. The schedule: Fomfelt at Morley, Illinois at Advance, Oran at Chaffee, Dexter vs. Altoni, New Madrid at Kewanee, Charleston at Cairo. The Saturday night contest will be between Fruitland and Fisk on the Dexter court. Fruitland won the State championship for schools of this class last year, and is expected to exhibit excellent form again this season. Thus far the Fisk court men have won three out of three games, scoring more than 150 points.

HAHS WINS FIRST AT NATIONAL MEET WITH HOBBY HORSE
According to an Associated Press dispatch from New York, the Hahs-Groves Corporation of Cape Girardeau and Sikeston was awarded first place at the National Association of Amusement Parks Convention, for Hahs' automatic, electric hobby horse. The ponies have been exhibited locally and in several nearby cities, notably St. Louis and Memphis, but this is the first time that national acclaim has come to this inventor. The Association met from November 28 to December 2.

Luke Mathews, in a crowd at the blacksmith shop Monday, announced that while he had been married 50 years he and his wife had never had a cross word. Whereupon all the married fellows present arose and went outside whistling.—Commercial Appeal.

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JACKSON MUNICIPAL PLANT DEBT-FREE REDUCES CITY TAXES BY ABOUT ONE-THIRD

Roy Holmes, superintendent of the Jackson, Mo., municipal light and water plant, reviews the situation with regard to that city in the December first edition of the Missouri Cash-Book, in which he states that the plant is now free of all debt.

Incidentally the general revenue tax rate in Jackson is \$1.00. Mr. Holmes' article follows in part:

There is a municipal industry in our city which operates entirely for the welfare of the community. It is called upon to function 100 per cent twenty-four hours per day, year after year. This enterprise is known as the Municipal Water and Light Plant. It is not owned by any individual or group of men. Each and every citizen of Jackson, regardless of whether he is a large or small user of water or electricity, owns an equal share of our municipal assets and should receive his proportionate share of benefits derived therefrom.

In our last profit and loss statement, dated June 16, October 15, we find that during this four-month period, that there was furnished the City of Jackson, without cost, and which must be taken from the earnings of the power plant, 27,604 K.Ws. of electricity which is based on a rate of 2 1/2c per KW amounting to \$1,109.56. Getting this on a monthly basis by using a division of four we find that our light plant has given us benefits worth approximately \$277.39 per month. Taking these figures as a fair average for one year, you will find that were it not for our possession of this enterprise, and we were able to afford the same type and amount of illumination, that it would cost our General Revenue Fund approximately \$3,328.68. If we were forced to take this money from the General Revenue Fund I am afraid it would hamper the normal functioning of our city departments. This current was furnished for street lighting, white way, courthouse tower, City Clerk's office, municipal band pavilion and hall.

During these years a great many cities owned and operated their own power plants, but when they began to depreciate and their books showed more red than any other color, they did not show the courage that existed among our citizens, with the result, they became discouraged and sold out to the Utilities Co., today, those same cities, a great many of them, are worrying about the high rate of tax they are forced to collect. And even with these taxes at the high level, they are forced to use additional taxation methods, such as gas tax, occupation and merchants tax. These taxes create no tendency towards better community living conditions. They also hamper the growth of small cities, I believe.

Recently our City Attorney, Mr. Frank Hines, and myself, made a survey of fifteen Southeast Missouri cities. The object of this survey was to find out how our method of city government compared with that used by our neighbors. We also wanted to get tax rate and water and light rates.

You would probably be interested to know that our method of city government and our books are as complete as that of any of the towns we visited. We found that our tax levy was lower than most of them, and that in two or three instances where the levy was less than ours, we found usually in these cases, that it was made up through the collection of merchant and occupation tax. In some instances we found this tax to be as much as \$35 per year for a drug store, \$25 for a grocery store, and from \$5 to \$10 for a lunch stand; \$10 to \$15 for dry-goods stores, and so on. Our merchant tax is \$1 per year.

We also found that the City of Kennett, with a population of 4,000 were paying \$5000 a year for street lights and fire protection. We found that the cost for this service was practically the same at Ste. Genevieve. The City of DeSoto has been forced through the lack of funds to discontinue their street lighting.

Our power plant, as I said before, is free of debt. The original bond issue of \$27,000 has long since been paid, and the original machinery has fully depreciated and not one piece of it remains in tact. There is nothing left but the old building and the old well.

A recent comprehensive survey listing all municipal assets, arriving at the total of \$186,143.45 most of which was paid for out of earnings of the plant.

Mr. Holmes then launches into a discussion of the waterworks situation, and the need for adequate fire protection, and possibly another well.

FORMER SKESTON MAN NOW IN NAVY WRITES OF MIGHTY PLANE CARRIER

Several months ago, W. G. Bohannon, station in B. Division, San Pedro, Calif., aboard the U. S. S. West Virginia, described in brief that powerful battleship, and according to a letter dated November 28, he has received a number of letters from the folks at home complimenting him upon his efforts to let landlubbers know how sailors live. He enclosed with his letter a length description of the airship carrier Lexington, the same which many Skestonians and others saw in the film "Hell Divers".

The story as sent would require two full columns. The editor has boiled down much of the factual material, believing that Bohannon's old-time friends would be as interested in a description as are the thousands of persons who visit the ship for inspection.

The keel of the Lexington was laid January 7, 1921. The ship was scrapped in accordance with terms of the Washington Arms Conference, but plans were re-designed, and the ship completed as a plane carrier on January 5, 1928.

One hundred and six officers, regularly assigned, and 2000 men are aboard the Lexington. The officer personnel does not include seventy-three attached to the squadrons, nor does it include Rear Admiral John Halligan, Commander Aircraft, and his staff of fourteen.

Seven departments compose the organization of the Lexington, each in charge of a senior officer who conducts the business of his under the supervision of the executive officer, who, in turn, is responsible to the Captain. Departments are Navigation, Medical, Gunnery, Supply, Air, Construction and Repair, engineering and Communication.

The Lexington's electric power plant is capable of developing 180,000 horsepower, greater than the combined output of the six electric capital ships now in commission, the New Mexico, California, Tennessee, Maryland, Colorado and West Virginia.

Electricity propels the ship at a speed of thirty-three knots. Propulsion apparatus consists of four 35,200 kilowatt turbine-generator sets supplying current to eight powerful electric motors. Turbine-generators are operated steam from sixteen oil-fired boilers. The motors are connected in pairs to each of the four propeller shafts, each pair having an aggregate weight of 440,000 tons. Motors have a capacity of 22,500 horsepower and measure fifteen feet in diameter.

Operation of Guns
In addition to propulsion machinery, the Lexington is provided with six 750 kilowatt, direct current for operation of guns, steering, ventilation, fire protection and the galley. Fresh water is obtained by means of a large evaporating plant capable of making 66,000 gallons a day from salt water. Steam is generated in sixteen water tube boilers rated at about 12,000 horsepower each. Oil is burned by eight burners under the tubes. Nearly 2,000,000 gallons of fuel oil can be carried in the vessel's 122 tanks. Foundries, blacksmith, machine and electric shops are operated by enlisted personnel.

Thirty radio operators receive, route, file and transmit all radio dispatches to and from the ship and keep radio gear in repair. Radio compasses direct planes to the Lexington in foggy weather. Three clerks handle mail in the Lexington postoffice. The clerks are responsible not only to the communication officer but to the Postmaster General.

On the main deck at the bow are three great anchors, each weighing fifteen tons and attached to 400 yards of chain. Plumbers, carpenters, laundrymen, tailors, shoemakers, ship's musicians, the sailmaker who prepares and handles all canvas used on the carrier, and the boatswain and his mates, whose profession is almost as old as the sea, all make up the construction and repair department.

Twenty ship's cooks and eight bakers prepared food for the men. All cooking and baking is done by electricity. Two ship's cooks act as butchers. When food is ready it is put in aluminum containers, each holding food for twenty men and placed in heating ovens until ready to serve.

Other interesting features of this mighty ship include the Sick Bay, which has a ward containing thirty-two beds and is equipped with a diet kitchen. Medical officers, dentists, pharmacist's mates and hospital corpsmen attend the sick. There is a dispensary, an operating room, comparing favorably with that of any large shore hospital, an isolation ward for treatment of contagious diseases, two X-ray machines and a dental office.

Ship's Service
Ship's Service activities consist of the Ship's Service stores, soda fountain, barber shops, cobbler shop, tailor shop and ship's laundry. Two barber shops, employing six men, turn out about 2000 haircuts and 1000 shaves each month. Aircraft and their operations, consisting of four divisions and the Aircraft Squadrons atached to the carrier, are directed by three Air Department. Two scouting squadrons of eighteen planes, two fighting squadrons of nineteen planes each and one torpedo squadron consisting of eighteen planes are attached to the Lexington.

Fruit cakes, any size, 75c per lb.—Mrs. Will Sikes. Phone 462.

Mt. Moriah—Dedication services held for New Mt. Moriah church.

HELP YOURSELF

Relief work has its peculiar problems, not the least of which is the study of human nature. A man, seemingly blind, hobbled along the sidewalks of Skeston last Saturday. A woman, evidently a slatternly beggar to a fairly attractive young woman. Praise be to the art of makeup. * * * We do not know, of course, how much actual cash this pair of thieves rascals dragged out of Skeston. One has no way of finding out. But it does chill the spirit of charity to find men and women who will prey upon the sympathies of their fellowmen in order to gain their ends.

We talked at length Tuesday with a fellow living south of Skeston. He wore patched trousers.

had regained his sight. His shuffling, ambling gait had turned to a sprightly walk. His mandolin was carried with the jaunty air of a country fiddler going to a wedding. And this woman, strange to say, had changed from a slatternly beggar to a fairly attractive young woman. Praise be to the art of makeup. * * * We do not know, of course, how much actual cash this pair of thieves rascals dragged out of Skeston. One has no way of finding out. But it does chill the spirit of charity to find men and women who will prey upon the sympathies of their fellowmen in order to gain their ends.

His coat was not a '32 model, nor was the square felt hat of late vintage. He did have something, however, which we believe is worth passing on. He had found energy to make a go of ordinary living, where others situated likewise have failed, or have appealed to the Red Cross or other relief agencies. He made a crop this year, raised a few hogs, chickens and a garden. His cows give an average of ten gallons of milk daily, which permits the use of plenty of country butter. His cotton was "out" he told us, and disposed of at the current price. Corn was cribbed and would remain so, he thought, at its present price. Right now, with his own crops in and practically forgotten about, he is working at odd

jobs for other farmers, and he is taking in pay not money, because most farmers are a bit short on that commodity, but in hard, meat sweet potatoes and other food-stuffs in the rough. Another farmer on the same piece of land, sold his cotton for cash spent the money rather foolishly, refuses to take odd jobs and his pay in food-stuffs.

One of the two boasts that his family of seven children will not starve this winter, the other has already made application for relief.

The publicity department of a well-known automobile concern Wednesday morning forwarded a "corrected" news story. A few days ago several bales of printed material had been shipped in. The director of this avalanche of words in his latest note says: Through typographical error on printed story, word "auspicious" was spelled "suspicious". Still, we believe that someone unintentionally told the truth in the first place. Before you buy that car, it looks like an "auspicious" purchase. Afterwards one begins to look upon the alleged superiorities of his particular hack with suspicion. We are not going to run the correction. We didn't print the first story.

Thursday evening of last week the Eastern Star Lodge of Skeston entertained their Masonic Brethren with a dinner to which some 135 guests were seated.

Words fail us in describing the splendid meal, but it is safe to say it is doubtful if ever a better plate was served in the church. The plates were bountifully served, the food piping hot and seasoned to the taste. The tables were tastefully decorated and the service perfect. The Eastern Star members prepared and served the banquet. It was good to have been here.

Persons accustomed to take words literally can smile at the cabled news that the Irish Free State has put a three hundred percent duty on imported vegetables of a specified class.

Marceline—Shale surfacing applied to 50 blocks of local streets.



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"HIGHEST TEST" at the price of ordinary gasoline

No waiting! No delay! You get the fastest cold-weather starting you have ever had from your motor, when you Phill-up with Phillips 66... the greater gasoline.

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High test is what does the trick. And Phillips 66 gravity right now ranges from

65.6° to 72.4°

Ask yourself if you have ever seen any other gasoline advertisement, except Phillips', which has definitely and unequivocally printed its gravity figures. Ask any gasoline expert you know, if the Phillips figures are not sensational. Ask any friend who uses Phillips 66, if he has not secured amazing improvement in all 'round performance.

The answer to every one of these questions points to the outstanding

superiority of Phillips 66. The obvious fact is that low gravity gasoline is lazy gasoline, and lazy gasoline is especially sluggish on days of freezing cold.

Phillips 66 is not only "highest test." It is the gasoline of CONTROLLED VOLATILITY. Every gallon you buy is always scientifically adjusted to your climate at the time you buy it. At every place, at any time, it is honest high test without a penny of higher price.

Why wait until your motor balks one of those stormy, snow-swept days? Get the truth about the starting speed of gasolines now. Discover for yourself the difference which high test actually makes in your motor.

Make this trial with your mind utterly unprejudiced. Forget all about our claims. Forget all about the claims made for any other gasoline. Then switch, for just one week, from your present motor fuel to Phillips 66.

If you aren't amazed and delighted with the improvement in motor performance, if you aren't astonished at the increase in cold-weather starting speed, if you are not pleased beyond words with this higher test gasoline that costs not a penny of higher price—then you are an out-and-out exception among 7,400,000 satisfied users of Phillips 66 gasoline.

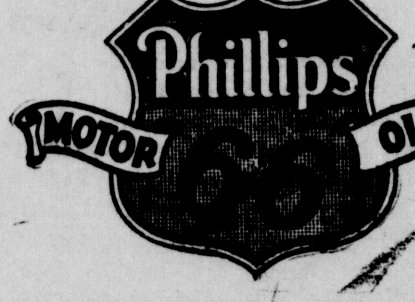
Begin making this test tomorrow. Get your first trial tankful at the nearest Orange and Black 66 shield.



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A gasoline of U. S. Motor grade at a competitive price



The world's finest oil for your motor 31¢ a quart

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They Say—Says The Man About Town

By ART L. WALLHAUSEN

Personal contact with vice has done more to make virtue attractive than all the preachers in the world.

Women are directly or indirectly connected with 99 per cent of the acts of men. The other 1 per cent of deeds, thoughts and actions are handled direct by the women and do not count in our calculations.

While walking about town with Clark, the glass eater, we noticed that he kept casting hungry, longing looks at our white gold watch. In order to stop any gastronomic loss of time, we paid for his meal at the boarding house. He said he enjoyed it, but missed his "roughage".

A revamped vamp is the new Clara Bow. Reconstructed from bow to stern, the boys and girls of ye beauty shoppee clan have overhauled, scraped, furled the 'psail and otherwise attempted to achieve a Bebe Daniels effect with a Red Headed mama who now comes wrapped in ermine instead of short shorts.

The effect is quite astonishing, we are informed. But one can't achieve that alluring something called sophistication, personality plus and "it" so long as one has a pug nose.

And Clara still has that pert snoot. Trust the Jewish people to capitalize whatever might be at hand. Mentioned time without number as a "chosen people", and keeping in mind that the Zukors, Thalbergs, Goldwyns, etc., etc. are of Jewish extraction, we now and "The Sign of the Cross" dramatized for approbation by Jew and gentile alike.

"I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a People", so saith the Good Book. But it remained for these descendants of Moses to lead the children to this conception—via the box office.

Will someone please tell us what the word "majallah" means, and why?

Trowbridge has a new one on wife, Lucy. Her problem child in math seemed actually to be enthralled whilst she covered the blackboard with various and sundry figures illustrating a certain problem.

"And now, Tommy, do you understand how it's worked?" asked the teacher.

"No, mam", replied Tommy, pulling riveted eyes from the board, but I been thinking and wondering! Where do the figures go when you run 'em out?"

Class dismissed. If George M. Cohan does achieve a theme song featuring new red, white and blue jacketed hot dogs, said to be under production by meat packers, we wonder whether the verse might be termed doggerel.

Blessed events, since we seemingly must think today in trains of movie thought, cause postponements even in Hollywood. During the filming of "King of the Jungle", the Motion Picture Herald informs us, Lotis, gigantic hippopotamus, had to be side tracked temporarily and a substitute rung in. Lotis went to the maternity ward.

Billy Sunday is in Celuloid land ready to change that synonym "Hell and Hollywood" to something more appropriate. Billy says he can't exactly agree with the popular version of Hollywood, but we have our doubts. Next thing we'll be paying our good hard-earned newspaper dollars to see "The Evangelist", starring that dynamic, marvelous, appealing, emotional devil-chaser ex-minister Billy Sunday.

Most of the really great acts of sportsmanship do not happen on the gridiron, nor are they heralded in the press or broadcast the world over. If men and women

were not blind, those deeds would become realities. They happen in ordinary acts of living, and they are seldom talked about.

Small town gossips also shape the destinies of men—and women.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger quoting facts and figures from a recent survey conducted in St. Louis, finds among other things, that working girls in that city earn an average of \$16.60 per week, and spend \$17.25—the deficit—65 cents accumulates in borrowing. Most of them showed an increasing volume of debt, the survey proper concludes, to which the P. P. L. adds "And all declared themselves 'frankly eager to marry'."

Misery loveth company.

An Old Time Love Letter

In an old book dated 1820, there is the following very curious love epistle. It affords an admirable play upon words:

"Madame: Most worthy of admiration! After long consideration and much meditation on the great reputation you possess in the nation, I have strong inclination to become your relation. On your approbation of the declaration, I shall make preparation to remove my situation to a more convenient station, to profess by admiration, and if such oblation is worthy of observation and can obtain commiseration, it will be an aggrandizement beyond all calculation of the joy and exultation of yours.

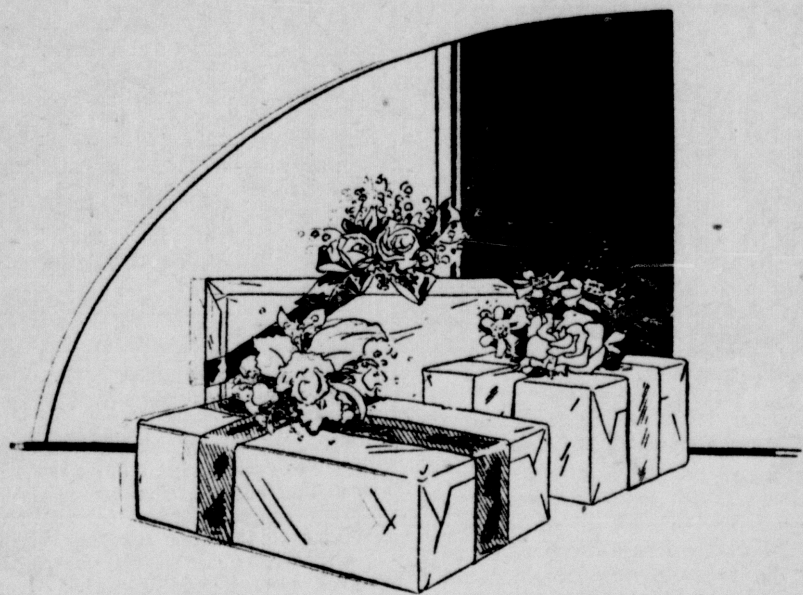
SANS DISSIMULATION".

The following is the still more curious answer:

"Sir: I perused your oration with much deliberation at the great infatuation of your imagination to show such veneration on so slight a foundation. But after examination and much serious contemplation, I supposed your animation was the fruit of recreation, or had sprung from ostentation to display your education by an odd enumeration, or rather multiplication of words of the same termination, though of greater variation in each respective signification. Now, without dispute, your laborious application is so tedious an occupation deserves commendation and thinking imitation a sufficient gratification. I am without hesitation yours,

MARY MODERATION".

Making a Simple Gift Go a Long, Long Way



By Melynn Royce.

IT'S twenty to one, my friends, that even as I write these words you're worrying about a gift of some kind for somebody or other. "What on earth will I give Jean?" you ask yourself in a panic. And then finally light dawns, and you rush to your favorite department store and pick out just the right little gadget.

Very thoughtful you are, and doubtless Jean is appreciative. But—do you rush the gift in its brown swathing right into the poor girl's hands? Or take it unwrapped? Or fold a piece of mussy tissue-paper carefully around it, tie it with a cord, and let it go at that? Or do you do right by the present you have picked out with tender solicitude, and dress it up gallantly to make it look interesting and exciting?

Before you wrap up your presents, make sure that you have some unusual paper and lovely ribbon to do them up with—then scamper down to the nearest flower-shop and pick out one or two of the prettiest blossoms on the market to tie on the top.

The Altoona Tribune hears the report that there is one editor in heaven. How he got there is not positively known, but it is conjectured that he passed off as a minister and stepped in unexpectedly. When the dodge was discovered, they searched the realms of felicity all their length and breadth for a lawyer to draw up the necessary papers for ejection, but they couldn't find one, and of course the editor held the fort.

Breckenridge—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Robertson of Pattonsburg, opened beauty shop here.

You've no idea what enchantment a fresh flower can add to a package. Or have you already found that out?

For the wedding and engagement presents, choose white blossoms—gardenias, daisies, camelias, lilies-of-the-valley. For the hospital flowers, be careful first of all to pick out some that are not too heavily scented, as the lingering odor of ether is quite enough fragrance, thank you. Gay flowers are best tied to these gifts, and if you're taking something to the mother, you might attach a "rider" for the baby—a tiny, tiny bouquet made up of the daintiest little flowers. The son and heir may not appreciate it, but his mother will.

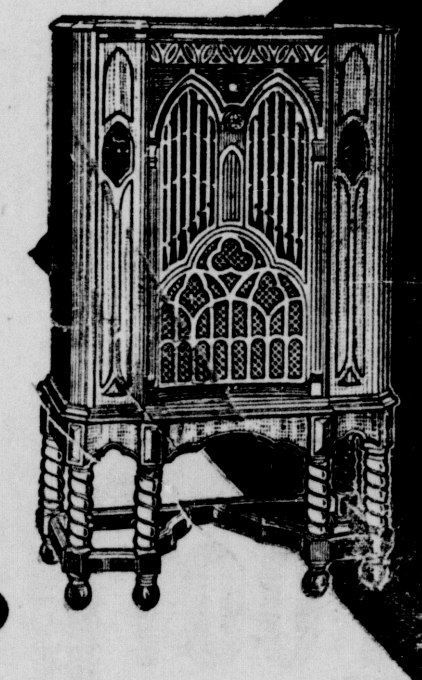
For birthday presents you can use almost any flower that takes your fancy—and tie it in any color. Thank fortune we're getting away from the too-conventionalized wrapping. But when you tie these blossoms onto the packages, have them made up, if possible, in a corsage. Yes, even for Jean in the hospital. She might like to wear it on her nightgown—or float it, as it were, in a flat bowl on the bedside table.

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SPECIAL EASY TERMS

MEMORY OF JUDGE HONORED AT BENTON

Benton, December 2.—A bit of the Benton Circuit Court's time was taken Thursday morning by the Scott County Bar Association in presenting to the court a picture of the late Judge H. C. O'Bryen. A similar program was held at Charleston recently. The formal presentation was made by Attorney Ralph E. Bailey of Sikeston and accepted by Judge Frank Kelly for the people of the county. Attorneys J. A. Boone and O. V. Joslyn of Charleston spoke briefly on the life of Judge O'Bryen, as an attorney and a judge. Attorney R. B. Lucas of Benton read the address of Senator R. R. Oliver which he delivered at Charleston. The history of the Circuit Court of Scott County was given, the first judge and his successors to the present time and their length of term. The court was organized in 1822. Harry C. Hanton of Sikeston, president of the association, presided.

Hunnell—Pioneer Creamery Co. of Illinois, opened branch house in building formerly occupied by Hunnell Shipping Association.

Santa's HEADQUARTERS

Sterling
5¢ to \$1 STORE



Holiday Opening Sale Begins Friday, Dec. 9th, at 8:00 A. M.

WOMEN'S BOX HANDKERCHIEFS

All the newest French and Spanish folds. Fine grade of handkerchief lawn. Colored embroidered corners. Porto Rican trimmings. Hemstitched and rolled edges. Packed in elaborate picture top boxes. Values up to 50c.

15c to 25c

LADIES' MIRROR-COMB BRUSH SETS

Beautiful mirror, comb and brush sets; large, long handled brushes and combs to match. Each set packed in attractive boxes in an assortment of colors to select from.

59c and \$1.00

MEN'S FANCY HOSE IN BOXES

Men's fancy hose in fancy Christmas boxes. These hose are absolutely first quality hose and come in a wide assortment of colors, in sizes 10½ to 11½.

15c and 25c

BEADS IN BOXES

Fancy colored and pearl beads in single, double and triple strand. Fancy filigree clasps. Packed in beautiful holiday boxes in a wide assortment to select from.

10c to 25c

FRESH DELICIOUS CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS

Assorted candies which are guaranteed absolutely fresh in such popular items as orange slices, coconut bon bons, lemon drops and other numbers. Christmas is never complete without a generous quantity of candies.

10c and 15c lb.

FULL-FASHIONED HOSIERY

"Service Weight"

This will probably be the most popular gift of all, especially so when we are in position to offer you strictly first quality 42 gauge, full fashioned hose at such a low price. Every pair is guaranteed to give service and the construction is the same as you will find in hosiery retailing up to \$1.00. Picot top, double sole, high spliced heel in all the new winter shades. Sizes 8½ to 10. Clifton weight for those who want and prefer real sheer stockings. We are offering a 4-thread 45-gauge all silk picot top, regular \$1.00 value.

Sizes 8 1-2 to 10 1-2

49c

HOSIERY

Never has our Hosiery Department been able to offer such outstanding values. This assortment consists of men's fancy half hose in medium and winter weights. Fancy heathers, silk and rayon and wool mixtures, contrasting spirals, plaited stripes, two-tone effects, step up patterns and solid color silks. Sizes 10½ to 12. Goods originally costing you 25c.

10c and 15c

WOMEN'S HANKIES

Fifty different styles for your selection. Hand-embroidered, colored woven cords and fancy prints made of 76x72 handkerchief cloth. Full size. Hemstitched and rolled edges. The most elaborate assortment of embroidered and cords we have ever shown. Values up to 15c.

2 for 5c and 5c

HANDKERCHIEFS

We are offering the most outstanding men's handkerchief value in America. Our stocks consist of plain white handkerchiefs, 64-60 count, colored woven cords, satin stripes, clip cords and initials. Every handkerchief is full cut and nicely pressed. Goods that retail normally up to 15c will be offered during our Holiday Opening sale at

2 for 5c and 5c

MEN'S FANCY NECKWEAR

Most men and boys like to be remembered at Christmas time with pretty neckties and the line we offer was made strictly according to our own specifications of quality silks and rayons. A wide assortment of patterns, stripes, floral designs, jacquard figures. Hombie effects. Full length and guaranteed to give service.

15c and 25c



DRESSED STUFFED BODY BABY DOLL

Large stuffed-body dolls unbreakable head, movable arms and legs. Beautifully dressed with knitted hose and white shoes; also has a strong voice.

59c

RED ROCKER AND CHAIRS

The rocker and chair which we are offering this year are a former dollar number. They are constructed from good first class material, are reinforced so as not to collapse and have a heavy coat of red paint.

50c

MECHANICAL TRAINS

This "Ives" mechanical train outfit is manufactured and guaranteed by the "Ives Corp". Consisting of wind-up engine, coal tender and two coaches. Complete in a box.

Complete \$1.00

LEATHER COVER FOOTBALLS

These footballs are genuine leather footballs with a heavy gum rubber bladder, manufactured by "Hutchinson Bros." One with tube blow up, buckskin tie strings, the other ready laced with valve blow up connection.

Valve Blowup 98c Tube Blowup 59c

"SONNY" STURDY RED WAGONS

The "Sonny L" wagon that we are offering this year is the most substantial steel bodied wagon ever offered. Has disk wheels, rubber tires reinforced front and back supports, sturdy handle; all movable parts loose and easily operated. In a nice contrasting black and red highly enamel paint job.

\$1.00

POP GUNS WITH GUARDED STOPPER

A durable gun with red wood stock. Made by the "All Metal Products Co." Has guarded wood stopper and loud report.

25c

BEAUTIFULLY DRESSED LARGE STANDING PATSY-TYPE DOLL

This doll is a doll which last year retailed for \$1.00. It is attractively dressed with organdy dress and bonnet, jointed arms and legs, knitted stockings, white shoes; in several color combinations.

59c

ALUMINUM TEA SETS

Aluminum tea sets in a wide range of prices. Packed in beautiful boxes, aluminum pieces are sanitary, rust proof, and lasting. Pieces consist of pie plate, cups and saucers, tea kettle, percolator and other kitchen utensils. Each attractively packed.

10c and 25c

WOOD DOLL FURNITURE, CRADLES, SWINGS, ETC.

Small and large collapsible cradles, highly painted, durable construction. Also doll swings and high chairs. These toys are constructed from good material and are highly painted in assorted colors, red, greens, blues and etc.

10c and 15c

TEA SETS

China tea sets priced from 10c to 59c. Each packed in attractive boxes. Items in sets consist of cups, saucers, tea pot, plates. Highly decorated with attractive design. In assorted color combinations.

10c to 59c

STURDY ACCORDIANS

This accordion is a beautiful toy. Has 6 key notes, is sturdily constructed, covered with silved foiled paper with assorted color contrasted trimmings, a thumb grip and is a toy that really can be played.

50c

SEWING SETS

This sewing set is packed in a beautiful compartment box and consists of the following items: 8 stamped pieces of doll clothes, one embroidery hoop, a quantity of thread, tape and snaps and one china doll. A complete set.

29c

WOOD WHEEL BARROW

This wood wheelbarrow is constructed from good wood and is a beautifully painted toy in red, yellow combination. The wheel is free moving, push handles are long and sturdily built.

15c

TRACTOR SET WITH THREE TRAILERS

Tractor truck, manufactured by "Arcade Mfg. Co." Consists of one tractor with three open trailers. These toys are constructed of heavy iron with bright wheels.

50c

"ALGER" BOOKS

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The popular line of books consisting of "Boy Scouts" series and other popular titles in attractive assortment of books for boys and girls by good authors. Printed in large clear type on a good quality of papers, covers of heavy cardboard.

10c and 15c

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

Rates:
Reading notices, per line10c
Bank statements\$10.00
Yearly subscription in Scott and the adjoining counties\$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the United States\$2.50

There was a time when Princess Alice got all the preferred positions in the newspapers, then along came the Indian Squaw who pushed her aside that she might get her feet under the table toward the head. It looks a bit like the new mistress of the White House has both of them in the discard, as she seems to be just about all there is in everything.

This week's news covers thefts from automobiles including a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, a large church bible, and a package of dog biscuit. Those who look for good in everyone can contend that thieves are not hard to get along with. They demand no mortgages or endorsed notes, and do not insist on a settlement based upon the gold standard.

A police court reports that an irate husband threw a plate at his wife, missed her, hit his daughter, and fell and laid himself up. In these hard times, the reader is inclined to wonder what happened to the plate.

The fact that three hundred thousand auto license blanks were sent out recently by the traffic bureau of a city suffering under the pinch of the depression, recalls the home-paper item of a decade ago, to the effect that So-and-So's car overturned near the wharf last Sunday, while he was on the way to the poorhouse to visit his father.

Twenty-five years ago, when a piece of pavement had to be torn up, the street was blocked with men, busy with pick and shovel. A dozen wagons, each having a driver, carted away the refuse a cubic yard at a time. Now one man cuts up the pavement with a pneumatic chisel, a second operates a machine that scoops the loose material into a great truck, and a third drives the vehicle away. Coal cars are lifted off the tracks and their contents are dumped bodily into the hull of a steamer. A vessel can be loaded today in the time formerly required to open the hatches. The labor freed from one job by the introduction of machinery, passed on to another job, there to be replaced again. It is a long, long trail a-winding to no man's land, not in France, as the war song goes, but right here at home. The cause of the present depression may be something harder to remove than foreign debts, speculation, or lack of beer. Perhaps we are approaching the end of the trail.

Mrs. Fred Rodman of St. Joe arrived the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall, until after the holidays.

MALONE THEATRE

Thursday and Friday
December 8 and 9

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Believed and encouraged him!

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A Paramount Release

PARAMOUNT SOUND NEWS
Harry Langdon in "THE BIG FLASH"

New Madrid School News

Milus R. Davis

The New Madrid County High School Association convened last Saturday, Supt. L. G. Wilson presiding and Supt. Ralph McCullough serving as secretary. Eleven high schools were represented, leaving only one not represented. The County Basketball Tournament was voted to be held at LeBourne a week before the District Tournament at Cape Girardeau, which comes in March. The tournament for both boys and girls will be held together and most of the night will be played at night beginning Tuesday or Wednesday night and finishing on Saturday night. Night sessions will bring in more money and will not interfere as much with school work.

Our county-wide testing program is nearing the finishing line and the latter results are somewhat more gratifying as the percentage of satisfactory scores has been raised.

This program has not included pupils in the eleven first class high school districts, but since we have had some requests to extend this service, we will say that we will be glad to offer this testing program to those who desire it and that it will be free of charge.

In addition to those already given in previous notes, below are the names of children who made satisfactory scores and deserve honorable mention:
Kendall school—Violet Tucker, 8th grade; Roland O'Dell and Dorothy Moore, 7th; Marie Morrison and Donald Baker, 6th; Aleta Baker, Leroy O'Dell and Louise Rawson, 5th.

Tinsley—Ida Childers, 8th; Geo. Gosnell, 6th; Lester Palmer, 5th. Pleasant Valley—Norma Bohannon, Violet Mullen and Hester Atkinson, 8th; R. Q. Brown, Bernice Mullen and Opha Barker, 6th.

Fairview—Tempie Mason, Azile Jones, Cecil Shelby, Leo Cook, Lucille Hensley and Muriel Peterson, 8th; Sibyl Sims, Desmond Goodman, Jewel Beck and Marie Schell, 6th; Earnest Williams, Edgar Elserman, Lorine Fodge, Billy Elserman, Henry Mason and Virginia Griffin, 5th.

Bowman—Juanita McGill and Royce Ayers, 8th; Cecil Ford, Margaret McGill and Fay Chittenden, 7th; James Smoot, 6th.

Oak Island—Magdalene Berry and Rebecca Shepherd, 7th.

Maple Grove—Billy Blevins, 8th; Elmo Smith, Jewel Corn, Mildred Corn, Arthur Dorris, Glendie Beards, James Smith and Mary Stewart, 7th; Pauline Tipton, Jack Overfield and Cecil Harris, 6th; Bonnie Tipton, Montene Meyers, G. C. Bagby, Lorene Kinder, Elberta Bagby, Kenneth Daniels and Horace Stinson, 5th.

Broadwater—John Esterline and Thayer Turman, 8th; Alene Esterline, 6th; Ila Faye Esterline, Russell Turman, and Odell Butler, 5th; Howard Esterline, 4th.

New Hope—Howard Thompson, Marie Johnson, Lee Ann Crider and Marshall Arrington, 8th; Florence Woodbridge and Agnes Goebel, 7th; Edna Jackson and Albert Johnson, 6th; Horne Davis and Ida Marie Goebel, 5th.

Hyman—Mary Irvin and Harold Irvin, 8th; Violet Raybron, 6th; Sarah Hicks, Edna Chadwell and Silas Belford, 5th.

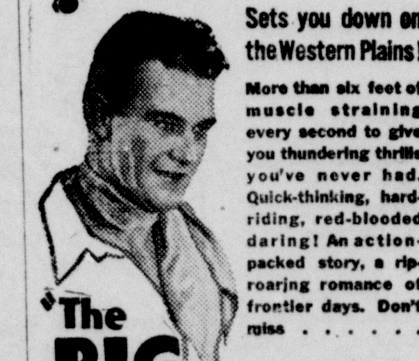
NORTH KROGER STORE TO BE REMODELED

According to Russell Walker, Manager of the North Kroger Store, beginning the first of the year a complete process of remodeling the store will be begun. A new hardwood floor, a new front and new shelving will be built, and a butcher shop will be installed.

MALONE THEATRE

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December 10

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PARAMOUNT SOUND NEWS
Harry Langdon in "THE BIG FLASH"

LIBRARY DAY AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club had a book shower at the home of Mrs. Calvin Greer Tuesday afternoon with a small number present.

A number of books and some money were donated to the library.

Mrs. H. E. Reuber rendered a vocal number with Mrs. Ralph Anderson at the piano. Mrs. Kate Cook, the librarian, gave the following paper, "Crime Reduced by Libraries".

"I tell you, this library has been a godsend to me," said a young man, who graduated from college three years ago and has been unable to secure employment. He was speaking to a Missourian librarian.

Nearly every day for three years he has been coming to the library, reading widely in English literature and trying his hand at writing. Three books recently read by him were "The Fatal Interview," by Millay, "Third Book of Modern Verse," by Rittenhouse and "Short Story Technique," by Beach.

Another young fellow, five years out of high school, who has had only occasional jobs has spent his time in the library, devoting himself especially to books on psychology and astronomy, two recent titles being "About Our-Selves," by Overstreet and "The Universe Around Us," by Jeans.

According to the Missouri Library Association, librarians in St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Springfield, Sedalia, Hannibal, Macon, Carthage, Kirkswood, Webster Groves, report that their libraries are being used by many thousands of such young people who have completed their education but have been unable to get jobs.

Commenting on these facts, Wiley B. Rutledge, Dean of Washington University Law School, says: "Libraries undoubtedly are one of America's best crime deterrents. The Missouri Crime Survey estimated a few years ago that losses sustained as the result of the operation of criminals amounted in Missouri to \$85,000,000 a year. This is in addition to the cost of police departments criminal prosecution, and penal institutions which amounts to \$9,000,000 a year in Missouri. The total for public libraries for the State is only slightly more than one million. So we are paying in Missouri approximately \$100 for crime for every dollar spent for public libraries."

According to an estimate, based on official statistics, 80 million hours are spent in Missouri yearly in reading library books. "This," says Dean Rutledge, "makes provision, for a lot of idle hours at a cost of about one cent an hour, suggesting the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

IT ALL DEPENDS

A story, told by Irvin Cobb, has to do with a colored minister who was caught hugging one of the sisters of the flock—and a church trial was called.

Eye witnesses testified, and the minister confessed—but eloquently defended his actions—as proper and authorized by the bible. He maintained that as pastor of the flock, he had a perfect right to take one of his lambs in his arms and cited the Great Shepherd for example.

When the trial was finished, a good brother offered a resolution which was as follows:
"We excuse Brother Johnson from all blame—but hereafter when he wants to take one of his lambs in his arms, we suggest that he select a ram lamb."—Pointers.

Sullivan—Citizens Public Service Co. sold local exchange and three other exchanges in neighboring towns to Scotia Tel. Co.

MALONE THEATRE

Sunday and Monday
December 11 and 12

Afternoon and Evening

I started at the bottom. Then I got a better job, in a place where they didn't have sawdust on the floor. Now I'm a star with my name in lights . . . a name that's been dragged through the mud from Second Avenue to Broadway. All I get out of it is glitter and shame and they take away my baby! Figure that one out!

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Sunday Matinee: 2:30 P. M.
Monday Matinee: 3:00 P. M.

Here Are Two Menus for Xmas; Many Prepared Foods Save Time



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON
Director, Heinz Food Institute

WHILE turkey or goose is traditional for Christmas, it is not essential for a joyful dinner. This year many people plan less elaborate menus. The first Christmas celebration was not luxurious, and there is no reason why elaborate feasts are necessary to have all the spirit and happiness of the season. Christmas dinners are less difficult of preparation today. Whether the traditional dinner or a very simple menu is served, work of preparing it will be reduced because of the number of prepared foods available. For instance, delicious soups can be purchased ready to heat and serve, and relishes, salad dressings, and Mince Meat or Plum or Fig Puddings are also ready, and save time and labor in the busy days before Christmas.

Traditional Xmas Dinner
Chilled Tomato Juice*
Christmas Canape
Cream of Oyster Soup* Crackers
Celery Spanish Queen Olives*
Roast Turkey or Goose with Bread Dressing Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes Battered Brussels Sprouts or Cauliflower
Cranberry Jelly
Grapefruit Salad French Dressing
Mince Meat Pie* or
Plum Pudding* with Hard Sauce
Coffee Nuts

Economical Xmas Dinner
Chilled Tomato Juice*
Cream of Pea Soup* Crackers
Celery Fresh Cucumber Pickles*
Baked Fresh Ham Candied Sweet Potatoes
Creamed Onions Cranberry Jelly or Pure Apple Butter*
Carrot and Pineapple Salad
Mince Meat Pie* or
Baked Apple Stuffed with Mince Meat
Coffee Homemade Candy

(* Indicates foods that are purchased ready-to-serve.

Christmas Canape—Cut bread with a star cutter and toast on one side. Spread untoasted side with Sandwich Spread and place thin strips of pimiento, radiating from center to all points of the star. Chill and serve with Tomato Juice Cocktail.

Bread Dressing—Crumb on loaf of slightly stale bread. Season with salt and pepper to suit taste. Add 1/2 cup melted butter, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, (if desired) 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce and 1 tablespoon onion juice. Mix thoroughly and press firmly into the fowl.

JOHN GRAVES OF RISCO HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

New Madrid, December 7.—John Graves of Risco was arrested Tuesday by Constable Wilkins on a charge of grand larceny, growing out of a complaint filed by Joe Hicks, employer of Graves.

Graves, according to witnesses, left the Hicks home last Sunday night with a pocket book, about

\$40 in cash, a cotton check and some receipts. The pocketbook was found near the house and when Graves was arrested, he readily admitted the theft. The \$40 was taken from his person. He waived his preliminary hearing before Justice Jenkins of Parma, Tuesday and was bound over to Circuit Court.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MORLEY

(By Mrs. C. A. Stallings)

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Foster and family left Saturday morning for St. Louis for a week-end visit at the Walter Perdue home.

H. F. Emerson, Jr., of New York City arrived home Friday evening for a visit with home-folks. H. F. enlisted in the Navy seven years ago this month and married in New York later and has made his home there the past few years.

Mrs. Caroline Carter is a flu patient this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Harris and Peggy Lou returned Thursday from a few days' visit at Portageville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaughn were Cape Girardeau business visitors Thursday afternoon. Miss Roena Shaner of Jackson, a National lecturer for the W. C. T. U., will speak at the Methodist church here Tuesday night.

A small orchestra has been organized and met at Mrs. Ruth Finney's Monday and Thursday nights. It is composed of Carl Holt, drum; Harley Miles and J. R. Murphy, cornets; Harold Murphy, clarinet; Wayne Cummins, banjo; Mrs. Ruth Finney, piano and C. D. Harris, Jr., violin. It is hoped to have more instruments soon.

Miss Marie Esmon, teacher of third grade, was on the sick list Thursday and Friday.

Nathan Rogers suffered a heart attack while in the cotton patch Friday, but is somewhat improved now.

Miss Ruth Jeffries, daughter of Rev. J. W. Jeffries, pastor of the Baptist church here, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Southeast Missouri Hospital at Cape Girardeau, Saturday. Her condition is satisfactory.

In a doubleheader basketball game at Blodgett Friday night, Morley high school won both games with a score of 20 to 15 for the boys and girls' 31-27.

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But be sure it's Kruschen—your health comes first and SAFETY is the Kruschen promise.

Get a bottle of Kruschen Salts from White's Drug Store or any leading druggist anywhere in America (lasts 4 weeks) and the cost is but little. If this first bottle doesn't convince you this is the easiest, SAFEST and the surest way to lose fat—your money gladly returned.—6.

APOPLEXY CLAIMS NEW MADRID TAXI DRIVER

New Madrid, December 7.—George A. Burke, 59, resident of this city and for several years operator of a local taxi, died Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, following a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Burke had been a citizen of this county and town for 25 years. He was born in Pulaski County, Ky. His divorced wife, one son and one daughter, Lewis Burke of California, and Mrs. Talley LaValle of this city, survive.

Funeral services were held here yesterday, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

CARL "PAP" RIGGS DIES FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS

New Madrid, December 7.—Carl "Pap" Riggs of this city who accidentally shot himself several weeks ago, died Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock here at his home. He was born in New Madrid County and lived here practically all his life. He was about 32 years old.

Following his accident, he was taken to the Sikeston Emergency Hospital for treatment. After several weeks he was brought home, but the injury to his spinal cord proved fatal.

A coroner's verdict in the case was suicide. Funeral services were held here Tuesday with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

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Yes, our income is lower now, like everyone else's, but it doesn't make much difference. By shopping around I found that I can get just as good a table as ever on less money—by buying all my meat here.

While nailing a loose plank on the potsoffice porch today Poke Eazley stated that it wasn't for him the town wouldn't run a month.—Commercial Appeal.

Sim Flinders believes that a man should so live that when he comes home his dogs will be glad to see him.—Commercial Appeal.

LAIR STORE NEWS

"That Intersting Store"

HOME FURNISHINGS

Our 34 Year in S. E. Mo.

Our "UNLOADING" event is moving along in a very satisfactory manner to both customers and the store. Patrons are procuring more home furnishings for their money than they have been able to own for fifteen years; the store stock is diminishing steadily and more shoppers continue to call as the surplus stock is brought forward to replace sold numbers. Again we desire to assure our customers that this privilege was brought about by too much buying when cotton was six to seven cents. A light inventory in January MUST be attained, hence this cut and slash plan was adopted.

Here's a suggestion for young men. Are you puzzled and undecided as to a gift for your sweetheart that will prove 100 % satisfactory? If so, then look over our beautiful showing of late modeled cedar chests. We know from every day selling experience that nine young ladies out of every ten are "crazy" for a nice chest. Take that for what it is worth, boys. The advice costs you nothing and the chests are lower than ever.

Among the most popular small gifts in our store are the Shelbourne Can't Slip bath mats at \$1.50 and \$2.75 each. These mats are made of a fine quality of plush face with rubberized back that prevents movements of the rug when on the floor. Designs are pretty in your choice of orchid, green, peach and blue.

Living room suites are moving out faster than usual under the "Unloading" prices now marked on them. Furniture salesmen tell us there is no better showing in this section—and certainly no lower prices are quoted elsewhere.

This is one time when those who need new heaters should save from \$15.00 to \$25.00 by adding one of our fine circulators, of which we have too many. We prefer selling them at cost to letting them stand around the store after January 1st.

There are hundreds of gifts in this store that will render service as well as prove ornamental. For instance, there are occasional chairs and rockers, coffee tables, Aladdin electric lamps, boudoir lamps, hooked rugs, beautiful mirrors, solid walnut what nots, end tables, and so on and on. Furniture gifts are the gifts that are always appreciated.

A co-operative movement by Sikeston business men is being launched this week to attract and entertain Christmas shoppers. From what we know of the plan, the introductory program will begin the coming Saturday with a live Santa Claus on the job distributing candy and fruits free to the kiddies. Thousands of special bargains will be available for grownups, too. This store will endeavor to keep step with other progressive Sikeston firms by offering super values for this special Christmas effort.

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Sundays—7:30 and 9:30
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Highway 60, west of Frisco depot.

Services at the Free Pentecost Church every Wednesday and Saturday nights. Sunday school 10

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:45. R. A. McCord, superintendent
Sunday morning services—10:45

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services are held each Sunday morning, 120 E. Malone Avenue.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School—9:45. Classes for all.

Morning worship—10:45. Sermon by the pastor.
Subject for morning sermon: "Hardtimes and Religion".
Epworth League—6:45.
Evening worship—7:45. Sermon by the pastor.
Subject for the evening sermon: "Intelligence, Faith and Courage".

The public is invited to worship with us.

E. H. OREAR, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:30 Jack Johnson, Superintendent.

Morning Worship—10:40 a. m.
Sermon by the pastor
Subject: "Looking For a Wife".

B. Y. P. U.—6:30.

Evening worship—7:30.
Sermon by the pastor.
Subject: "A Helpless Woman".
There will be special music at the evening hour.

The public invited to worship with us.

LESLIE GARRISON, Pastor

Wednesday evening, practice began for the Christmas music.

A Christmas program will be given by the Sunday school, the date to be announced later.

The Arbutus class will hold their Christmas party on Monday evening, December 19, at the church. A covered dish supper will be enjoyed at six o'clock, followed by a Christmas program and exchange of gifts. It is hoped that all members of the class will be present.

The T. E. L. class will meet on Tuesday evening, December 20, at the home of Mrs. R. M. Felner. This will be the Christmas party and exchange of gifts. Each member of the class is invited to come and bring with them a prospective member.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:45

The Christmas program will be rehearsed.

Regular services—10:30. Subject "Jesus Is Coming".

E. H. KOERBER, Pastor

Y. W. A. WILL HELP

NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

A business meeting of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church was held at the home of Miss Irene McDaniel Tuesday evening, December 6, with Miss Orvaline Cain hostess. The regular business was transacted at which time it was decided that at the next meeting all members were to bring any articles of old clothing, old toys, quilts, food or anything that might make some needy person happy. It was also decided

that at the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Meredith Lee, December 20, would be a Christmas party. Every member is invited to come and bring a twenty-five cent gift.

Following the business meeting, a short social hour was enjoyed. Fifteen members and one visitor, Miss Aileen Tribble, were present.

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Nazarene church will meet Friday, December 9 at 7 o'clock with the president, Miss Mary Stubblefield, in charge of the meeting and of the lesson. Every member is invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:30.

Morning Worship—10:45.

Christian Endeavor—6:30.

Evening Worship—7:30.

Mrs. Hoover will speak from the subject "In the Fullness of Time Christ Came".

Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Schwegler of New Madrid will show pictures of the Presbyterian foreign mission station.

Choir practice Wednesday—8:30.

REV. TALBERT TO ATTEND MEETING THIS WEEK-END

Rev. R. M. Talbert has been called to Kansas City for a meeting of the State Board of the Christian Endeavor Union to be held next Saturday and Sunday. He will not be able to fill his appointment here Sunday, but will be here on the third Sunday and also the fourth Sunday in December.

FIDELIS CLASS TO MEET TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

A regular meeting of the Fidelis class of the First Baptist church will be held at the home of Mrs. Bill Carson at 635 Prosperity Tuesday evening, December 13. A large attendance is desired.

RUSSELL-BRADLEY TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT, DEC. 12

The regular meeting of the Russell-Bradley Missionary Society of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Dempster Monday night, December 12, with Mrs. Ernest Tongate assistant hostess. A large attendance is desired.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary of the American Legion held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Anthony Wednesday, December 7. On account of so much flu among the members, only a small membership was present. Plans were made to prepare Christmas baskets for the needy veterans' families, and at the next meeting, which will be held Dec. 21 at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., each member is requested to bring a donation to go into these baskets. Each member is requested to bring as their guest, a mother, wife or sister of a Legionnaire. A social hour will be enjoyed after the business meeting. Mrs. Ichy Arthur will be the assisting hostess with Mrs. Blanton.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS TUESDAY

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows in the I. O. O. F. building Tuesday night, December 6, the following officers were elected:

Noble Grand—John Skelton
Vice Grand—Elmos Taylor
Recording Secretary—Charles Bethune
Financial Secretary—Sid Schilling
Treasurer—C. C. White
Trustee—R. E. Limbaugh
District Representative to Grand Lodge—C. C. White

Fruit cakes, any size, 75c per lb.—Mrs. Will Sikes. Phone 462.

A \$1.50 Dinner for 6



YOU'LL give no quarter to this dinner, which costs only a quarter per person according to the prices in most places, because it will taste so good. Here's the menu—

Baked Pork Chops 64¢
Fried Sweet Potatoes 25¢
Dressed Lettuce 15¢
Bread and Butter 10¢
Pineapple and Prune Crumb Pudding 30¢
Demi-tasse 5¢

The pork chops are baked with the taste of tomatoes, the tang of onions and a bit of rice to make them go further. Here's the way. Brown six shoulder pork chops (one and one-half pounds) in skillet with some drippings, then transfer to a casserole, and season well with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling the contents of a No. 2 can of tomatoes, add two table-

spoons rice, and pour over chops. Slice two onions over the top, sprinkle again with salt and pepper, and cover. Bake in a moderate oven, 375°, for an hour or until the chops are tender. Serves six.

A Delicious Dessert

Pineapple and Prune Crumb Pudding: You will need one cup dry crumbs, an 8-ounce can of crushed pineapple, one-half cup chopped stewed prunes, one-third cup sugar, two tablespoons butter, one-half cup prune syrup and one cup thin cream or top milk. Put alternate layers of crumbs, pineapple, prunes, sugar and bits of butter in a baking dish, having the top layer of crumbs. Pour over prune syrup and bake at 350° for about thirty minutes. Serve with light cream or top milk. Serves six.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa

I will now write to you. I am a little girl, ten years old, and in the fourth grade. I go to school at Matthews. My school teacher is Miss Georgia. I go to Sunday school every Sunday at the Christian church. Now Santa, I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a tam, gloves, paint drawing book, good story books, fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my grandma, grandpa, father, mother, brothers and sisters. I will say goodbye. Santa.

OLAMARIE FORREST

My Kind Santa:

I am a little boy just six years old. I go to school at Matthews. My teacher's name is Mrs. Zimmer. I am in the A First grade. I go to Sunday school at the Christian church at Matthews. And I have a good Sunday school teacher. Her name is Lucille Sutton. Be sure, don't forget her. Don't forget Dr. G. W. Presnell. Be sure and bring him something. Please bring me a little red tool chest, boots, caps and an overcoat, size 6-year-old, fruit, nuts, candy. Santa, don't forget father, mother, my sisters, grandma and grandpa.

BENSON PRESNELL FORREST

Dear Santa:

I will now write you a little. I

am a very small girl, 11 years old. I go to school at Matthews and in the 4th grade. My school teacher is Miss Georgia. I go to Sunday school every Sunday at the Christian church. Now Santa, I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas. A pair of gloves, drawing book, water colors, story books, fruits, nuts and candy. Dear Santa, please don't forget mother, father, brothers, sisters, grandma and grandpa.

LILLIAN JANE FORREST

My Santa:

I am going to write you a little short letter. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I go to school at Matthews. My school teacher's name is Miss Gruen. She is a good teacher. I go to Sunday school at the Christian church at Matthews. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Lucille Sutton. Well, Santa, I guess I must tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a doll, tam, dishes, rocking chair and some story books, nuts, candy and fruit. Now Santa, I'll tell you goodbye. Oh Santa, don't forget my sisters, brothers, father, mother, grandpa and grandma. Well I must say goodbye.

NINNA MAXINE FORREST

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl. I will be six years old Xmas day. I go to Fairview school. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I am in the first grade. I sure want you to remember my teacher. I'm not asking for very much for I know there are so many little boys and girls that

are cold and hungry, so I would rather you would give them some toys. Santa, I've wanted a little cook stove for a long time and I do hope you will leave me one this Xmas. I study my lessons and have them well. Wishing you lots of Xmas cheer.

DORIS JEAN COOK

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 27 years old. I have curly hair, and blue eyes. Please bring me a little doll about 18 years old that can say dad-dy. Please bring, my friend, Dick Sparks a game law book so he'll know how many birds to kill because he thinks three is the limit. Bring Frank Miller a goal post. Well, this is all, except that we are very good boys.

SAMMY GRAHAM

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I am fine. Send me a doll and a big ball, some fruit and don't forget the other children too. Don't forget my teacher, Miss Mouser. My stocking will be by my bed.

VIRGINIA HENLEY

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years of age. This is my first year in school and I like it fine. I wish you would please bring me a drum, a pair boots, train, a gun, like they have at Sterlings and some candy, fruit and nuts. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

JOE DAVID CHANEY.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 2 years of age. Santa, I wish you would please bring me a tricycle, a little boy doll like the one daddy played with when he was a little boy. Do not forget my daddy because he has a sore foot and don't forget my mother either. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. This is all now, Santa, but I might write you again, before Xmas.

JACKIE LEE CARSON



Give Your Menus a Holiday Air

There are all manner of amusing and unusual molds from which to choose. The ice cream has the rich mel-low flavor you like so much.

Santa Claus Acorns
Corn in Husk Candles
Turkeys Xmas Tree Kids

Midwest
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Dear Santa Claus:

Thank you ever so much for what you gave me last year, so I won't ask for too much. I want a electric train. Betty wants a bicycle. I will leave the door open for you if I can. I am 8 years old and am not too good at school or too bad. Don't forget the poor little children. I hope that you are as plump and fat as you were the last time I saw you.

JOHN R. ROTH.

Dear Santa:

How are you? I am going to unlock the door so you can get in. My stocking will be by my bed. I hope you are as jolly and as fat as you were the last time I saw you. My daddy is just about as fat as you are. Please bring me a play house, some nuts and candy. Santa, I am 8 years old and I make good grades. Don't forget the poor children.

MARY EMMA ALLEN

Dear Santa:

I thank you for the things you gave me last year. I hope you are as jolly as you were last year. I want a doll and a table and cabinet and that will be all this year. My stocking will be hanging by the bed. Don't forget the other little children.

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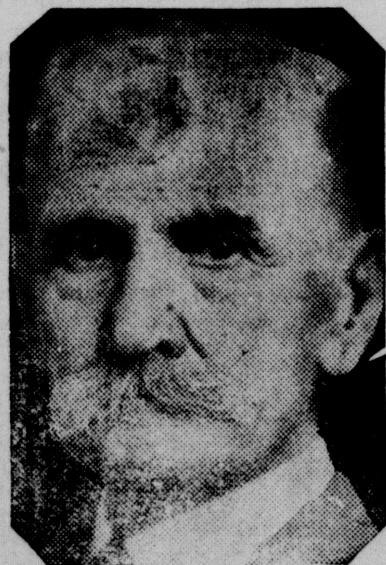
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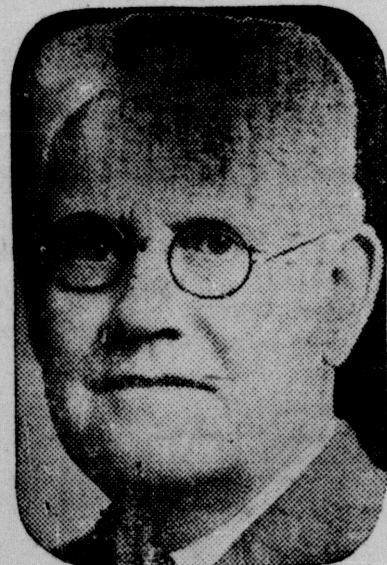
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When Caruthersville Was Destroyed By Brimstone

By Eugene Roper

Over an area approximately 2,500 square miles, extending from the present site of Hickman, Ky., down to Memphis, and then across westward to Crowley Ridge, the earth was convulsed 121 years ago next month in one of the greatest tremors in history—the New Madrid earthquake—a mighty shudder that, happening today, would snuff out thousands of lives and damage property to the extent of billions of dollars.

The quake, on December 16, 1811, was felt distinctly much farther away—Boston and even London—but within this restricted area in the Mississippi basin—Great primeval forests were leveled.

The Mississippi River was retrograde; great tidal waves swept the stream; the water boiled from the gas fissures in the river bed. The immense Reelfoot Lake, with an area of about 45 square miles, was created and filled with water almost overnight.

Scores of villages and hundreds of crude dwellings were demolished in a twinkling.

The earth heaved, swayed, roared and emitted gasses with loud hissing sounds and explosions like artillery.

Thousands of sand boils and "domes" were created, throwing sand and ore over the alluvial soil. Hundreds of sunken swamps were created in Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas and scores of other lakes were formed.

Great hums or ridges were created at other places, most of them still visible.

And like Sodom of Biblical history, the town of Little Prairie—now called Caruthersville—near New Madrid, was literally destroyed, not by water or the shudder of the earth, but by fire and brimstone!

But the inhabitants of Little Prairie were fortunate, for as their cabins rocked and the earth heaved sand and sulphur, they fled into the adjoining hills.

"They had their settlement," writes Timothy Flint, a government geographer who went to the afflicted section while the phenomenon was still fresh, "which consisted of 100 families and which was located in a wide and very deep, fertile bottom, entirely broken up. When I stopped to contemplate the traces of the catastrophe which remained, the crevices where the earth had burst were sufficient manifest and the whole region was covered with sand to a depth of two or three feet.

"The surface was red with oxide pyrites of iron and the sand blows, as they were called, were abundantly mixed with this kind of earth and with pieces of pit coal. Only two families remained of the whole settlement. . . . When I resided there this district, formerly so rich, level and beautiful, had the most melancholy of all aspects of decay, the tokens of former cultivation and habitation were now mementoes of desolation and destruction.

"Large and beautiful orchards were left, houses uninhabited, deep chasms in the earth obvious at frequent intervals: Such was the face of the country, although the people had for years become so accustomed to frequent and small shocks which did not essential injury that the lands soon were gradually rising in value again and New Madrid was slowly rebuilding with structures adapted to the apprehensions of the people."

Ole Man River took a prolonged grudge against that area of the valley. Tiptonville, in 1878, watched the river day after day eat away its bluff bank until it reached the edge of town, according to Wilbur A. Nelson, writing for the National Geographic Magazine. The houses, as the river cut into the settlement, were moved hurriedly over to the far edge of town and the river by 1880 had devoured most of the original site. Since then, however, the meandering stream has turned again to the west, leaving the town far from its former channel.

But to get back to poor Caruthersville and New Madrid of the days of 1811 and 1812. One might get a mental picture of those awful earthquake days by looking at the effects of the tremor through the eyes of witnesses, afar and on the spot. General Rogers of Revolutionary fame, living at Rock Island, on the Caney Fork River, 200 miles to the east, saw great block of sandstone, loosed from the top escarpment 1000 feet above the river, crash down the mountainside.

At New Orleans, 600 miles away; at Detroit, at Washington and even at Boston, more than 1,100 miles to the northeast, tremors from the great New Madrid earthquake were felt. According to the U. S. Geological Survey, an area of more than 1,000,000 square miles, or half that of the entire United States, was so disturbed that the vibrations could be ascertained without instruments. Even London reported slight shocks.

New Madrid was almost in the delta, the soil being a rich loam with layer after layer of loose sand and clay beneath it to a depth of 2000 feet. The earth waves came up through these 2000 feet of sand and clays and where breaks occurred on the surface streams of quicksand—veritable sand geysers—poured out.

The great forest trees moved, with branches interlocking like wheat field swaying before a wind. Their trunks fell prostrate, or hung upon each other in grotesque shapes and angles. In wide areas the land sunk several feet, either carrying the trees down with them or receding from their roots and

phenomena, says the U. S. Geological Survey, occurred in three main belts, the most extensive being in the St. Francis Valley of Arkansas, between Crowley Ridge on the west and the prairie ridge extending from Big Lake on the south to beyond Malden, Mo., on the north. A second belt almost as extensive lies east of the prairie ridge and west of the uplift marked by the Tiptonville, Blytheville and Little River "domes". The third belt lies between the Tiptonville "dome" and the Chickasaw Bluffs, mainly in the Reelfoot Lake region.

Hundreds of sand blows, or patches of white sand vomited upon the alluvial soil by the quake, are still visible all through the area from New Madrid on the north to Crowley Ridge on the south and west and the Mississippi River on the east, the area extending 65 miles in length and 25 miles in width and containing 1420 square miles.

Evidence as to the cataclysm that rocked Eastern Arkansas is found also in sunken timber, lying at bottoms of swamps and deep lakes. Big Lake, in Mississippi County, presents all the evidence characteristic of submergence. The bottom of the lake is covered with a fallen forest of hardwoods that grow on uplands, with the prostrate trunks twisted in every direction.

On the Hatchie Coon sunk lands, stretching along the St. Francis River in Craighead County, oak, cypress and sweet gum are found standing in water up to their branches and in some places buried in sand. In a few instances, the roots are 50 feet below the surface. Two dozen other lakes and swamp areas in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri present the same picture of the mighty tremor.

Not content with burying forests and extruding iron oxides and sand, the earthquake also created numerous fissures in Arkansas as well as in the immediate Reelfoot neighborhood. Myron L. Fuller, who wrote the official account of the earthquake for the geological survey after months of exploration in the affected area in 1912, says that fissuring was still visible then at Lake City, on Lake St. Francis, and at Marked Tree, just to the southward, cracks 3 to 6 feet deep and 6 to 15 feet wide, extending for some distance are found. One of the cracks is filled with standing water through the wet seasons.

But the 1811 earthquake at New Madrid was not the first. As early as 1776, a severe tremor was recorded in a memorandum by John Heckewelder, missionary of the United Brethren, which frightened the Indians.

Of course, the Indians had a legend concerning the earthquake, the legend being wound around the story of a romance of an Indian maiden and a daring Indian chief. At the beginning of the

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LAND FOR DELINQUENT TAXES UNDER SPECIAL EXECUTION

No. 4657
By virtue and authority of a special execution for delinquent taxes and costs issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, dated the 16th day of November, 1932, and to me the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, in favor of the State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector of the use of Scott County, in the State of Missouri, and against S. L. Cantley, Commissioner of Finance of the State of Missouri, E. L. Griffin, Special Deputy Commissioner in charge of the affairs of the Scott County Bank, Scott County Bank a corporation, and Drainage District No. 14, of Scott County, Mo., upon a judgment of said court rendered on the 16th day of November, 1932, which said judgment was declared a first and paramount lien on said real estate, lying, being and situate in Scott County, Missouri, in favor of the plaintiff, described as follows, to-wit:

"The East Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Ten (10) in Township number Twenty-seven (27) North, in Range Number Thirteen (13) East of the Fifth Principal Meridian, except the right-of-way of the St. Louis, Memphis and Southeastern Railroad Company as the same is now located and constructed over and across said premises, in Scott County, Missouri,

in the sum of \$522.19, for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930, plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said Court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1932

at the east front door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in said County and State, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the said Circuit Court under judgment and decree of November 16th, 1932, to satisfy said judgment and costs, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, claim and interest of all the above named defendants, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said execution and costs.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of November, 1932. (SEAL)

TOM SCOTT, Sheriff, Scott County, Missouri
J. C. BLANTON, Attorney for Plaintiff
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19th century, in the rich bottom lands dwelt a tribe of the Chickasaws camped at the base of the bluffs that rose 300 feet above the Mississippi, providing the lookout points so badly needed in the wilderness.

Legend says that the mighty Indian chief was sad of heart because his only son had been born with a deformed foot. Otherwise normal, healthy and strong, the youth walked and ran with a rolling motion so that his people called him Kalopin, meaning Reelfoot. After Reelfoot became chief on the death of his father, his thoughts turned to love, and with a few chosen warriors, including Osceola, Nashola and Biwier, he wandered south into the present State of Mississippi, where the Choctaws lived.

Reelfoot sent couriers ahead to notify the Choctaw chief, Copiah, that a friendly party was approaching, and a few hours later was royally received. But no sooner arrived than he beheld the girl of his dreams, more beautiful than he had ever dared to imagine—sitting beside her chieftain father. Her name was Laughing Eyes.

Young Reelfoot lost no time in acquiring the dignified Copiah with his objective as soon as the peace pipe formalities were over and at once Copiah became wroth at the thought of his daughter marrying a deformed man, even though he be powerful. Copiah very emphatically denied his daughter's hand on the ground that she should wed only a Choctaw brave. All the pearls and skins that Reelfoot could offer failed to sway the adamant father.

The old chief sent for his medicine man, who called publicly upon the Great Spirit, who, in turn, spoke to Reelfoot to demand that he forego his intentions to steal a wife from any neighboring tribe; and if he disobeyed, the Great Spirit would cause the earth to rock and the waters to swallow up his village and bury his people.

Frightened, Reelfoot returned saddened, to his people, but Laughing Eyes' image would not be effaced from his mind. Brooding, young Reelfoot began to doubt the omnipotence of his Great Spirit. When the first snows fell that fall, Reelfoot and a chosen few suddenly appeared amid the Choctaws, seized Laughing Eyes and fled back north. Laughing Eyes was greatly frightened, but Reelfoot was willing to defy the Great Spirit. As the brought his bride home, they were feted by the Chickasaws; festival fires burned; the post boiled and the venison was browning on the spits.

In the midst of the festival and the marriage rites, the earth began to roll in rhythm with kettledrums and tom-toms. The Indians tried to flee to the hills, but the rocking earth made them reel and stagger. Chief Reelfoot and his bride reeled also and the Great Spirit stamped his foot in anger. The Father of Waters heard, and backing up on his course, rushed over Reelfoot's country.

Where the Great Spirit's foot stamped the earth, the Mississippi River formed the beautiful lake, in the bottom of which lay Reelfoot, his bride and his people.

DONOR OF GIFT "VACATIONS" IN SCHOOL

Taking a vacation after twenty years of strenuous medical practice, climaxed by a severe outbreak of typhoid fever in his community, Dr. Julian Adolph Hiescher entered the School of Mines and Metallurgy of the University of Missouri at Rolla to study geology.

So glamorous was the field opened up to him that he prolonged his vacation for two years so that he could receive the B. S. degree in General Science. It was during these years that Dr. Hiescher came to realize the need of institutions of higher learning for private gifts, so twenty years later he gave 200 acres of land in Phelps County, Mo., to the University Board of Curators.

The gift was accepted recently and the Board will meet Dr. Hiescher's request that "all income arising from said land shall be used for the library of the School of Mines and Metallurgy."

Dr. Hiescher was drawn to Missouri from Mankato, Minnesota, because he had never forgotten a trip through the Ozarks in his boyhood days. Interested in geology, too, he decided to spend his "vacation" in the quiet beauty of those hills and pursue the study of his geological hobby there.

The Minnesota physician has had a life full of activity. He was born in a Minnesota log cabin. At eighteen he entered Northwestern College at Naperville, Ill. Working his way thru school he was graduated with the degree of Laureate in English Literature. Next he entered the medical department of Northwestern University, graduating in 1891. Opening his office in Mankato the day following graduation, Dr. Hiescher has practiced there ever since.

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loading a car of cotton seed, shipped by Kohn Brothers' Gin, the Memphis firm had found the body of a dead negro buried in the cotton seed. Mr. Kohn does not know how the negro could have gotten there, and could recall no disappearance of any negro from around Hayti.—Kennett Democrat.

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New Secretary of State Won Over Physical Handicap

Jefferson City, December 2.—Dwight H. Brown won into office as secretary of State in January, the victor in a fight against the handicap of partial blindness. His election to the office is the culmination of a successful career as editor and publisher of a newspaper at Poplar Bluff for 21 years; as a member of the State Senate from his district; as president of the Missouri Press Association; vice president of the State Democratic Press Association; president of the State Chamber of Commerce, and for the last three years as pardon and parole commissioner of the State Prison Board.

As a boy in his native Scott county, the lack of luxuries in his life at times approximated the pinch of want. Where other lads with perfect sight fought hard under similar economic conditions, Dwight Brown fought a little harder. His preliminary education was won at the cost of many sacrifices. His parents moved to Poplar Bluff when he was 12 years old and here he attended public school. To his stepmother he gives much credit for it was she who read him lessons to him when his own tired eyes blurred.

But the physical defect was not without its advantage. It did something for Brown that proved of incalculable value to him in his value to him in his later life. It made him keenly sensitive and charitable of the defects, physical or otherwise, of others and it trained for him a tenacious memory that today astonishes even his closest friends.

When Brown was 17 years old, he quit a job as bank messenger to become reporter on the Poplar Bluff Evening Citizen. It was not long until Brown became the editor and was known as the youngest editor in Missouri. For 21 years he was an editor in Poplar Bluff, during the latter part of that period, president of the Citizens Publishing Company, issuing the Interstate American, and associated with V. H. Steward in its ownership. Brown sold his interests in 1927.

Brown was defeated for the office of secretary of State in 1928, but was appointed under Republican regime to the bipartisan prison board.

Brown, dressed as a hobo, has spent vacations with them, eating at the soup houses and sleeping in "hob houses", in order, he says, to get new angles of view. He has mingled with the down-and-out of the city, and the water front in New York. He has talked with the non-descripts on the park benches of the Battery and Union Square.

Brown's social surveys were known to the late James Eads How, the so-called millionaire hobo, and a life card in the latter's national organization was issued to Brown and is a prized memento of an interesting personality.

A second hobby of the secretary of State elect is closely linked with the first: His love of the drama.

Strangely enough for a man of imperfect vision, he loves the stage and is always to be found in the theatre when there is a stage show or a powerful motion picture exhibited.

HE WHO MAKES NO MISTAKES DOES NOT EDIT A NEWSPAPER

Consider the editor! A child is born into the world of a merchant in town. The physician getteth a sick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurion. And the proud father giveth him a Cremona. Behold, the young one groweth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth in the paper a swell piece. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor gets a note of thanks from the sweet girl graduate.

And the daughter goeth on a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postcard that costeth six for a jiney.

Behold, she returneth, and the youth of the town fall down and worship. She picketh one and lo, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our prominent young men and getteth away with it. And they send unto the editor a bid to the wedding, and behold the bids are fashioned in a far city.

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth his bit. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read proof on the death, and the damned thing cometh out, "Come To Her Last Roasting Place".

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subs, and they swing the hammer even unto the third and fourth generations.—Lead Belt News.

EXPECT TO START WORK ON NEW WELL MONDAY

Work of drilling a second deep well at the municipal waterworks plant is expected to start early this week, according to city officials who were instrumental in closing the contract last Monday night with the Carless Well Company. An electrically or gasoline driven well outfit is expected to arrive any day, and work is to start immediately.

The contract calls for a deep well and all necessary equipment including casing, motor and auxiliaries to be completed at a total net cost of \$5250—which incidentally is the approximate cost of the other deep well without motor and equipment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 5, 1932
Editor The Standard
Sikeston, Mo.
Dear Sir:
The Standard of November 22 contained an item under the caption "Immense Sum to the Favor-

ed Few", which referred to "the report to Democratic headquarters in Kansas City that Swift & Co., meat packers, had practically instructed their workers to vote for Hoover . . ."

This is to assure you that the report referred to is absolutely unfounded. Swift & Company subscribes to no political platform. It is the policy of the company to refrain absolutely from making any statement to employees that might influence them in voting. Every employee of the company is free to vote as he pleases. He receives no advice or suggestions from the company on such matters.

The article also refers to the tax refunds received by Swift & Company from the United States Treasury, as if to suggest that these and other tax refunds were the means of financing the Republican campaign fund.

Under the federal revenue legislation of 1917, 1918 and 1919, as since interpreted by the courts, Swift & Company has paid in to the United States Treasury various sums in excess of what it was legally required to pay, and has since had same returned to it under court mandate. All of the details of these payments and refunds are an open book and a matter of record, conforming to legislation of the years referred to. There is no connection whatever between campaign contributions and tax refunds to Swift & Company as the article in The Standard suggests.

In fairness to us and to your readers, we should be grateful if you would publish our letter.

Very truly yours,
SWIFT & COMPANY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CANALOU

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Yeakey and Mrs. A. Fransler of Tanner were Sunday guests of Mrs. Yeakey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Summers.

Supt. Owen J. Taul, Clifton Thurman and Amel Taul attended the County Athletic meeting at New Madrid, Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Hartley of Kansas City were week-end guests of Mr. Hartley's parents and his sister, Mrs. B. E. Spencer and family.

John Newman and daughters, Beulah and Gracie and Miss Velma McLaurin shopped in Sikeston Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Geraldine Young spent the week-end at her home in Cape Girardeau. She was accompanied home by Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, who also teaches in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Givens and children of Morehouse, visited at the W. N. Summers' home, a short time Sunday afternoon.

The revival meeting that had been in progress at the Pentecostal church for the past three weeks, closed Sunday night, Rev. Little Page of Illinois, had charge of the services.

Mrs. George Leifer, Mrs. Joe Mays, Mrs. O. H. Crumpecker and Mrs. Lila Lowe attended the fellowship meeting of the Pentecostal churches in this district at Dexter Monday.

Cotton in this community is being picked very rapidly during these nice days. The gin at this

place is now running day and night.

The first, second and third grade children, under the direction of Miss Appalona Taul and Mrs. Wynette Davis, are now practicing on the operetta, "Santa Claus" which is to be presented on the night of Xmas eve at the gym. Mrs. Geraldine Young is assisting with the musical numbers. The children of the other rooms will also furnish a number of songs for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore and son, Wilson and Mrs. P. L. Bonner attended the show at Dexter Sunday afternoon.

The fairy tale about the cow that jumped over the moon may come true if a yearling heifer at Big Rapids, Mich., continues to grow in leaps and bounds. The heifer, owned by C. E. Lindsey, already clears fences with ease and is jumping higher every day. Farmers are skeptical about the heifer's parentage. They point to its slender legs, dainty hoofs and short flat tail. A herd of deer sometimes grazes in the woods where Lindsey pastures his purebred Jerseys. Lindsey believes his acrobatic heifer may have been sired by a buck.

Xmas coming? And the ever present question of suitable gifts to be solved. Let me suggest suits and dresses for the tots, dresses, pajamas or underwear for the older members, all made to fit their individual requirements. And how about a layette or wardrobe for the Christmas doll?

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MISSOURI FARMER REPORTS BIRTH OF CALF WITH 5 LEGS, ONE WITH MULE HOOF

If a news item in the Sweet Springs (Mo.) Herald can be accepted at face value, one Saline County farmer finds himself in position to join a circus sideshow with a genuine freak, a calf, normal in other respects, but differing in that it boasts a fifth leg with a mule's hoof. The story: The calf has four legs, in the conventional places where legs belong on a calf, and a fifth leg, pointed with the left fore leg at the shoulder. This fifth leg is four or five inches back of the front leg, and is complete with joints and all, but it is a mule's hoof—or is it a calf's leg? Anyway, it has the appearance of a mule's hoof. This extra leg is somewhat shorter than the other four, but works at the same time they do. Our suggestion to Mr. Henne is that he put a block, or extension, on this fifth leg, so the calf can use it to walk on, or lean on, or do whatever a calf would want to do with a fifth leg.

REDUCING MISSOURI'S TAX BURDEN

Now that Constitutional amendments Nos. 2 and 3, which will have such far reaching effect in reducing the cost of our State government were overwhelmingly adopted in the recent election, Senator D. L. Bales of Shannon County and his associates on the Committee on Taxation and Governmental Reform are rapidly perfecting a score or more of bills which they will offer in the coming Legislature, and through which they will further seek to reduce the costs of State, County and municipal government, and thus these veteran legislators (five Democrats and five Republicans) are preparing for the final showdown on this great question.

Among the bills which are now being prepared is one which will provide for the consolidation of certain of our numerous State bureaus and commissions, and abolish outright such of these agencies as are not performing essential public service; another bill will propose the consolidation of the offices of county collector and treasurer, and circuit clerk and recorder, while a third bill will propose to reduce the salaries of certain State and County officials and employees to a point that is in keeping with the present desperate economic conditions through which all the taxpayers and citizens of our State are passing.

And now the question arises, as the above bills are thrown into the hopper when the Legislature meet in January, will our State Capitol swarm with office holders and their sympathizers who will plead with and threaten the members of the House and Senate against the enactment of these measures? And if so, will the taxpayers of the counties and cities in which these office holders reside stand for it? I am calling attention to this matter now because unless the taxpayers from one end of Missouri to the other take a hand, and impress upon their members of the Legislature to hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may, they will have only themselves to blame if the great tax reduction effort which Senator Bales and his associates have in hand ends in a "flash in the pan", and this is exactly what is likely to happen if the people go to sleep at the switch.

True, more than a Constitutional majority of the members of the next House are pledged to support the program of the above Committee 100%, and this is also true of most of the newly elected State Senators, and both State political platforms of the two major parties were unequivocally pledged to this program, but even so the members of the Legislature should be made to know that

their constituents are squarely behind them, and thus it would be unadvisable if every taxpayer who reads this article would sit down before he forgets it, and write a letter of encouragement to both his Representative and Senator—these men know that you want to abolish every unnecessary political job, and trim down salaries in keeping with existing conditions and the services performed, and that they will have your hearty approval if they pursue this course.

Meanwhile when the Legislature gets down to business on the above measures, if county or other officials begin flocking to Jefferson City, or pestering the members with letters, and telegrams, the Missouri Farmers' Association intends to and out who they are in order that it may inform the people of the counties and cities in which these officials reside—no office will be abolished that performs a vital public service, nor will any salary be reduced beyond what is in keeping with existing economic conditions, and the service rendered, and if in an hour when tens of thousands of Missouri farmers can no longer pay their taxes, and when several hundred thousand families in our towns and cities must depend upon public charity to keep from starving, if at such a time a public official refuses to accept a fair reduction in salary, then the sooner he is compelled to hustle for his own living, the better. There is hardly a political salary in the State that was not raised several years ago on the pretext of the "high cost of living", and since that time have not these costs been greatly reduced, and has not the most of it come out of the farmer's hide?

Already some of the members of the Committee on Taxation and Governmental Reform have been covertly informed that they will be beaten if they insist upon going through with their program should they become candidates for public office in the future, but knowing these men as I do, I am sure that such threats will not swerve them from the great and unselfish service which they are rendering to reduce our present intolerable tax burdens, and furthermore I am confident that the people will remember this service in times to come. In conclusion, once more I suggest that every taxpayer who reads this article write to his Representative and State Senator, asking them to stand behind Senator Bales and his associates from start to finish, and also watch how the officials of our county act when the showdown comes—if we ever expect to have our State, County and municipal taxes cut to the bone, now is the time to get this job done.—Wm. Hirth, President, Missouri Farmers' Association, Columbia.

SQUIRREL SEASON IN MISSOURI IS CLOSED

When the 1932 wild turkey season opened December 1, the end of the year's squirrel shooting period closed. Squirrels have been plentiful throughout the State this year, reports from hunters show. Excepting in the northern tier of counties and in a few scattered areas in the Ozarks, squirrels had been scarce for the two seasons previous.

There are three squirrels in Missouri, the southern gray squirrel, the western fox squirrel and the small eastern flying squirrel. The latter squirrel, however, is almost entirely nocturnal in its habits and, altho' fairly abundant throughout the State, is seldom observed by hunters.

Squirrel shooting affords much sport to nimrods of Missouri and ranks well alongside the rabbit and quail shooters in number of devotees.

The squirrel season now will remain closed until June 1.

Another rock quarry being opened in vicinity of Miami Station.—DeWitt Herald.

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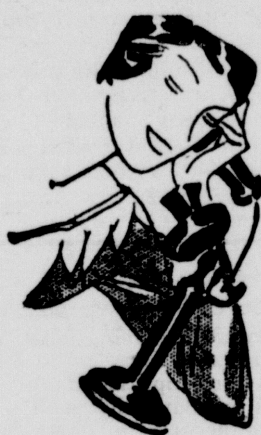
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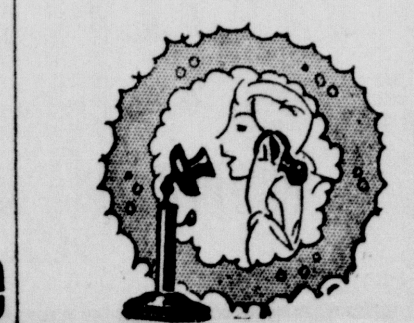
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News of the Town

By Mrs. C. M. Harris, Phone 581

J. A. Fields, who had been employed at the Planters' Gin since the first of September, left today for his home at Henning, Tenn. Mr. Fields was a dinner guest last evening at the W. W. Lankford home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mount and son, Willard, and Mrs. Lizzie Scott were in Simpson, Ill., last Sunday, where they attended the funeral services of Robert Lay. Burial took place at Vienna. Mr. Lay was killed last Friday night while out hunting. He is survived by his wife, two children and grandchildren. Mr. Lay was an old acquaintance of Mr. Mount and Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Barney Forrester has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Virginia Mount, a student at Christian College, Columbia, is expected home next Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mount.

Charles Chaney and family moved last Saturday to the Wm. Carson home.

A letter from Mrs. Lon Givan states that she is getting along fine. Mrs. Givan accompanied her daughter and husband to their home near Chicago, eight weeks ago and is in a hospital in that city. The friends here will be glad to know she is improving.

Mrs. Jim Hinkle is confined to her home suffering with heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Hamby of Vanduser were Sikeston visitors, Monday.

The J. O. Y. class of the First Baptist church held its meeting, Tuesday evening at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Mollie Harper. At this time the members of the Fidelis class were guests. A very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all.

Cecil Carson, who has been suffering with a mangled foot, still improves and expects to be able to go to work, Monday.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist church will meet next Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Norma Davis. All members requested to be present.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, December 21, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Keady.

The Ebert-Keady Missionary Society of the Methodist church held its meeting Wednesday afternoon. Election of officers was held, and the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. A. Dempster; vice-president, Mrs. John Sellards; recording secretary, Mrs. R. C. Finley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Ferrell; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Keady; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. J. L. Tanner; superintendent of Bible and Mission study, Mrs. J. M. Massengill; superintendent Christian social relations, Mrs. R. C. Matthews; press and publicity, Mrs. E. H. Orear; superintendent local work, Mrs. J. N. Ross; recording secretary (local work), Mrs. T. B. Dudley; agent of Mission voice, Miss Sadie Emory.

Mrs. J. N. Ross and Mrs. E. H. Orear went to Cape Girardeau, Tuesday, where they attended the Centenary M. E. Missionary Society meeting. Also at this time Mrs. Ross installed the new officers of the society.

Mrs. Ralph Cutrell is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. H. Bess of Poplar Bluff came Monday for a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Weber and son, Wayne Bess and families.

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Christmas Cookies and Candies

By JOSEPHINE GIBSON
Director, Heinz Food Institute

THE most hospitable time of the year is the Christmas holiday. There are more callers—people drop in to see the trees, the gifts, and to renew old friendships. It's a time when all radiate happiness and when people mingle more than at any other season. When callers come, it is popular to serve home-made cakes, cookies and candies with tea or punch. Busy days do not always permit baking cakes months ahead, as in olden times, but attractive cookies are equally appropriate. Cookies mixed and placed in the refrigerator to be baked as needed, little home-made macaroons, or spicy drop cookies are up-to-date varieties for Christmas. Below are recipes for making cookies and candies:

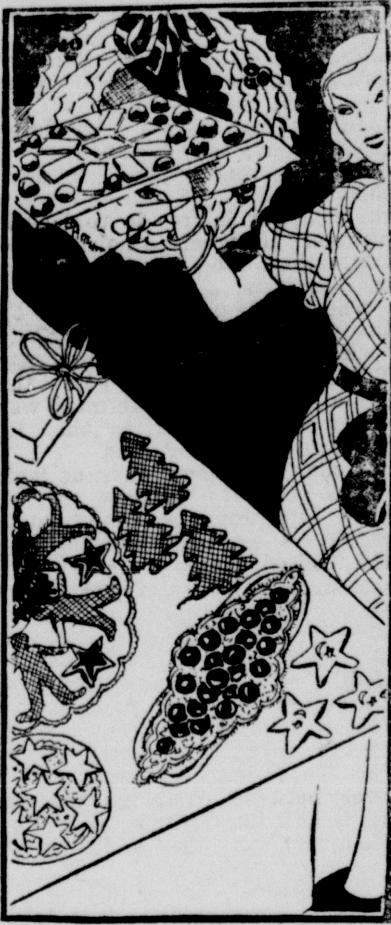
Spice Drop Cookies—Cream $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar and add 1 egg, well beaten. Sift together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon soda, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon each of cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon, and add to creamed mixture alternately with 3 tablespoons sour milk. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cups Rice Flakes (crushed after measuring) $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped nuts and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup raisins. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet and bake in hot oven at 425-450° F. for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 2 dozen cookies. Serve with tea or punch.

Refrigerator Cookies—Beat 2 eggs well. Add 2 cups brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon vanilla and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter (measured first then melted) then add $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, sifted with 1 teaspoon soda and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Add 1 cup Rice Flakes and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts. Pack into a pan lined with waxed paper, chill, slice thinly and bake for about 5 minutes in a hot oven (425° F.). This cookie batter may be made and kept in the ice box almost indefinitely, baking it just as cookies are needed. Bakes 50 very thin cookies 2" x 4".

Fruit Macaroons—Crush 1 cup Rice Flakes finely and mix with $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. almonds chopped dates and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter (measured first then melted) then add $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, sifted with 1 teaspoon soda and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Add 1 cup Rice Flakes and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts. Pack into a pan lined with waxed paper, chill, slice thinly and bake for about 5 minutes in a hot oven (425° F.). This cookie batter may be made and kept in the ice box almost indefinitely, baking it just as cookies are needed. Bakes 50 very thin cookies 2" x 4".

Peanut Butter Fudge—Mix 2 cups granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 2 tablespoons corn syrup and 1 tablespoon Pure Vinegar. Boil to 236° F. or until a soft ball is formed in cold water. Remove from fire, cool to 110° F. and add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Peanut Butter. Beat until creamy, then add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla. Pour into buttered pan and cut in squares.

Our Research Department is ready to report on the relation of girls who smoke in public to the growing sale of cigarettes. It finds they are all that has saved the industry since money quit growing on trees. One girl of this type, our investigators state, is worth five to ten men smokers or as much as twenty women who smoke in private. This is because she smokes for vanity's sake. With set face she goes about her task. The idea is to impress the spectators with her ability to consume cigarettes and clutter up the atmosphere with smoke. Instead of relaxing and getting some real satisfaction from the process, the thing is a task. And instead of resting between smokes or taking time out for whatever is going on, these girls pause only long enough to light another tag, so fearful are they that somebody will not see them in action and therefore not understand how devilish they really are. Fortunately for the industry, the girl who smokes in public came along just as hard times were driving men to short cigarette rations or to pipes. She soon took up the slack. But she fools nobody who really likes tobacco because all real lovers of the wood know there is no satisfaction in smoking that way, other than the satisfaction incident to self-deception. Instead of being impressed, the spectator is amused at such a travesty on real smoking.



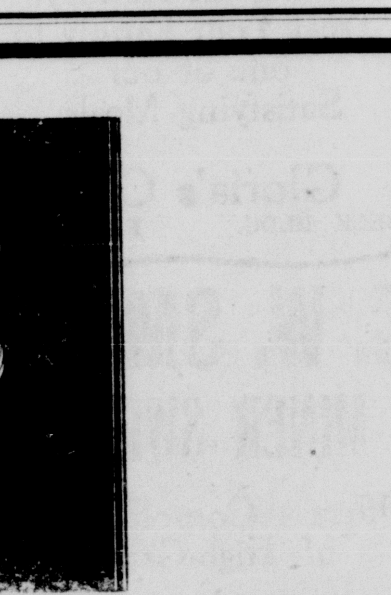
(300° F.). Serve with salads, ice cream, or punch. Makes 2½ dozen macaroons.

Divinity Fudge—Mix together 2 cups granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dark corn syrup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water, and 1 teaspoon Pure Vinegar. Cook slowly, without stirring, until the mixture forms a very firm almost brittle ball in cold water. Pour gradually over 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten, and beat until creamy. Add 1 cup nut meats and 1 teaspoon vanilla (a little almond extract may also be added if desired). Pour into a buttered pan and mark into squares. Canned cherries may also be added and are especially nice at Christmas time.

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Historical Missouri

By Floyd C. Shoemaker

Floyd C. Shoemaker, Border war feeling in Missouri and Kansas was running high late in 1855, when on December 4, seventy-seven years ago this week, a band of pro-slavery men seized the United States Arsenal at Liberty, Mo., and carried off arms and munitions to be used in Kansas. The event foreshadowed the day, a little over five years later on April 20, 1861, when the Liberty Arsenal was again seized by pro-slavery men on the threshold of the Civil War.

About 3 p. m. on the afternoon of December 4, 1855, Luther Leonard, the military storekeeper at the Liberty Arsenal, was surprised by a force of about 100 pro-slavery men led by Major Ebenezer Price. Under protest, the storekeeper and his assistants were placed under an armed guard while the invaders took possession of the government property. Resistance was useless.

From the military stores, the armed men took 3 field pieces, 55 rifles, 67 sabres, 100 dragoon pistols and 20 revolvers, together with ammunition. The arms were intended for use by the pro-slavery men of Missouri in the Kansas border war troubles. Leonard reported the seizure later that day to Col. E. V. Sumner at Fort Leavenworth, and then notified authorities at Washington, D. C. But the offenders had proceeded into Kansas, where during the month of December, they took part in events connected with the Wakarusa War in the vicinity of Lawrence.

On December 10, Capt. William N. R. Beall of the First U. S. Cavalry came to Liberty from Leavenworth to guard the Arsenal from another threatened attack. He found that the robbery of arms was "on a large scale", and told the prominent citizens of Liberty that the property must be returned. The next day the property was being returned to the Arsenal, Beall reported, but \$400 worth was never regained. No arrests were ever made in the affair.

The Liberty incident of 1855 was a part of the border disturbances that swept Missouri and Kansas after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill by Congress in 1854, and before the admission of Kansas as a free State in 1861. During this period occurred what is known in history as the border war. The Kansas-Nebraska act had placed on the territory the problem of choosing for itself whether it should be free or slave soil. There followed the passage of this bill, a frenzied race between the free and pro-slavery factions throughout the country to obtain a majority in Kansas and thus determine her status on the slavery question before admission as a State.

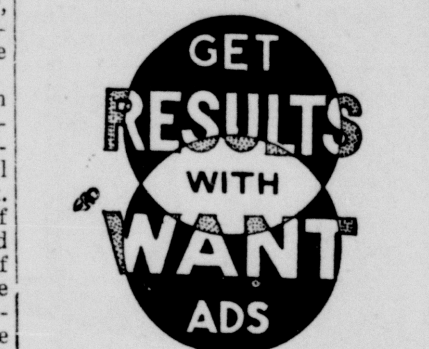
To Missourians, particularly in the extreme western border counties, the future position of Kansas on slavery was a vital problem. A pro-slavery convention which met at Lexington on July, 1855, estimated that along the Kansas border in Missouri were 50,000 slaves, and at prevailing prices, these slaves were valued at 25 million dollars.

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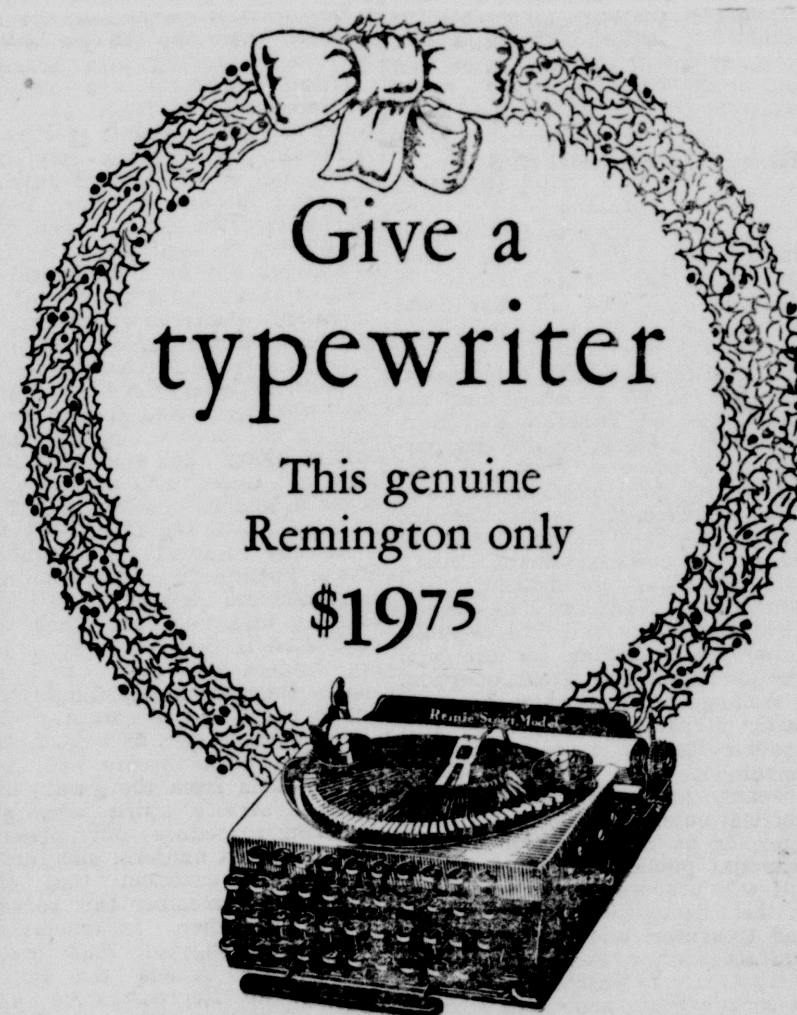
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THE EDITOR SAYS—

The Standard editor has been feeling pretty rotten for several days on account of a touch of flu, but hopes writing this paragraph will take some of the poison out of his system. We are getting damn tired of hearing every few weeks of efforts being made to get rid of Dan Pepper as superintendent of the Municipal Plant and replacing him with some honest, but ignorant with the duties, local man, at a greatly reduced salary. We hold no particular brief for Dan Pepper, but we are satisfied he is competent, is honest and sincerely interested in seeing the plant make money and pay off the city obligations. He is a highly educated and polished gentleman and knows more about kilowatts and ohms than a bootlegger knows about his whiskey. He has always been ready and is competent to defend municipally-owned plants with all comers. There is not a member of the Board of Public Works that is as educated along the lines of the duties of a Superintendent and the plant would be left in a fine fix without a scientific and technical man to call in conference. If there is anything wrong with Mr. Pepper, fire him and give the reason, but get in his place, a man equally as competent, if the local plant is to prosper. Wish the Board of Public Works would forever set at rest these rumors by issuing a statement that no \$100 man can fill the position.

We voted for the 18th Amendment believing it would free all jails and penitentiaries and have been sorry every since. It now looks as we were about to come into our beer again and we are not very happy. Except for the revenue received it is likely to be a sloppy mess. It depends on what regulations are passed with it, whether or not it will satisfy.

We, the people, will be glad when our Uncle Sam finds some way to keep the postoffices open full days a week and the general delivery the seventh. The postal service is the best service or the public and we hate to do without it. We would rather miss our whiskey.

From what we see in the papers there will be a great many fine used cars on the market during the next few months. At Washington, Old Economy is going to make a lot of Government folks talk or pay their own way. The same is true in State Capitals and City Governments. It might be as well to burn these surplus used cars as to unload them on an already overloaded public.

Most everybody wants to sell on something and hardly anybody can pay. There is where the trade stops. A fellow could sell anything he has on credit, but could not replace for the jobber's money. If old depression ever comes from around the corner and gives the forgotten man any money then trade will be good. But when, oh when!

The editor has had his dahlia patch fixed for the winter. Four bags of cotton hulls were scattered over the ground, then four loads of stable manure over that, the ground was then deeply spaded and left for the winter rains, snows, freezes and thaws. In the early spring the ground will again be spaded, the stakes set ready for the roots around the first of May.

J. J. Vaughn, who has been in poor health for some time, was a flier at The Standard office Tuesday morning. He returned from St. Louis Sunday night, where he underwent an operation for icteric jaundice. This disease is something like neuralgia and the nerve was moved. He was very glad to turn home.

If the Volstead Act is amended to permit beer and light wines we are called on to recommend a man to handle the goods. Sikeston, it will be business as usual who is known to be honest and conscientious, one that has never dealt in liquor and gambled for a living, never been a preacher, a drunkard or hypocrite. We have got our eye on the type of an right now and he would run a place in as orderly a manner as any other business in Sikeston. No screens, tables, chairs, or loafers allowed. You buy your package and take home with you just the same as a loaf of bread. We wouldn't qualify.

Prof. Einstein is threatening to cancel his visit to America because he was asked if he was a communist or an anarchist—and is charged with being a communist. It would be a terrible blow to us high brows if he didn't come.

Council Reduces Auto License Fees Slightly

Automobile owners in Sikeston will henceforth pay slightly less for the use of streets and alleys in their city, following action of the Council last Monday in reducing the city tax from \$5 to \$4, or on smaller machines, from \$3 to \$2.50. A petition presented by W. C. Edwards, and signed by approximately 116 auto owners and operators was the cause of a lengthy wrangle, and the action was outlined.

C. L. Malone, president of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Council in behalf of the State Highway Department and the E. C. Matthews estate, asking that the city credit the 1931 tax book with taxes assessed against all lots now owned by the Highway Commission in East Side Addition, and also that the Council recommend to the County Court that the body credit the county tax books with all unpaid taxes prior to this time. The motion was adopted.

These lots were recently acquired (1930-1931) by the Commission through the local Chamber of Commerce, co-operating with the E. C. Matthews estate. In this action, the City of Sikeston was selected as the location of Division 10 Highway Department headquarters. The lots referred to now accommodate the new garage and headquarters buildings, storage sheds and maintenance department quarters.

Mr. Self, owner of the Talley property, located on Highway 61 cut-off at the north city limits, asked cancellation of penalties charged against the property for 1929-1930 and 1931.

Councilman Smith moved that the penalties be waived on delinquent taxes until December 20, 1932, for the year 1927 only, and the motion was thus carried.

The automobile license reduction petition has been the object of much talk. Several auto owners have raised the point, whether or not, that the "wheel tax" or city auto license tax, should be expended entirely upon street improvements and maintenance. The present condition of many oiled streets, especially

as regards the prevalence of "chuck holes", and rough areas indicated to them that sufficient time and money was not being expended on this phase of city work. The objected, to use the words of one objector, to paying for something they did not receive—good streets for their city auto license money.

Walter Kendall, chief of police, reported a total of ten arrests during the month of November, and the collection of \$31 in fines. A report of the City treasurer revealed the following condition: Balance in General Revenue fund \$2569.59 Balance in Sinking Fund. 1231.96 Balance in Light Plant fund 1746.82

Five November Fires The Council passed bills due firemen, amounting to \$47 for work at five fires during the month.

A report from the Water and Street Department showed meter readings of \$1144.17, material and labor sold \$28.06 for a total of \$1172.23.

Deductions were noted as follows: water department expense \$454.99, street department expense \$451.23 leaving a net monthly balance for November of \$266.01 in the Street and Water Department treasury.

Fall and winter is usually characterized as tax paying periods, and this is again evinced in the report of collector Elmos Taylor. Mr. Taylor reported the receipt of the following items:

Real estate taxes	\$ 981.81
Personal	129.14
Poll	42.00
Merchants' taxes	34.10
Auto license	500.00
Merchants license	398.75
Graves sold	1.00
Water receipts	1151.71
Water deposits	10.00
Water equipment	2.50
Interest	125.52
Clerk's cost	4.50
Collector's Commission	27.77
Building permits	2.00
Sewer permits	2.50
Weed cutting	2.00
Total collections	\$3443.30

Postoffice to Remain Open Wednesdays for Xmas Trade

According to W. E. Hollingsworth, postmaster, the Sikeston postoffice will remain open Wednesday afternoons to accommodate Xmas mailing. For the past several months the office has been closed at noon Wednesday under the 44-hour per week rule of the Department. Many other offices give employees Saturday after-

noons off, but in this rural community, Saturday closing meant additional inconvenience for country folks who usually come to town to do their trading on that day. For the next two weeks, however, the office will remain open to accommodate customers and to take care of the seasonal influx of Christmas business.

ARSON SUSPECTED IN TUESDAY MORNING FIRE

An inspector for the Missouri Inspection Bureau, assisted by John A. Young, local fire chief, Milburn Arbuthnot and M. E. Montgomery, prosecuting attorney for Scott County, conducted an investigation Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Herman Bandy, 408 North Prairie Avenue, damaged by a mystery fire at 2:30 o'clock that morning. The investigation led to the formation of the opinion that the house had been purposely fired in two places, the front or southwest room, and a small room in the northwest corner of the structure.

The odor of kerosene was very pronounced in several places, noticeably on a partially burned rug in the front room, two spots on a rug in a bed room, considerably damaged by smoke and heat, and in the small back room used for closet space and storage. The oil

had soaked through the floor covering and in several places penetrated the wood floor.

Actual fire damage was confined for the most part to the front room, in which all furniture was a total loss. The room will require a new floor, doors and sashes in addition to replastering and padding. Other rooms in the structure will require some attention and repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Bandy were not at home, having left the city about 8:00 or 8:30 o'clock to spend the night with friends and relatives in Cape Girardeau. They were not informed about the fire until noon Wednesday.

Thomas Meyers, 424 North Prairie, owner of the house, stated that the entire place had been retouched and repaired recently. The alarm was sounded by Billie Walker, who resides across the street.

KROGER TO HOLD MEETING AT CARBONDALE SUNDAY

A program meeting of officials and employees of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Company will be held at the Barth Theatre in Carbondale, Ill., at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 11. Mr. Morrill, President of the Company, and Mr. Duppert, General Manager, will be the principal speakers. Those from the Sikeston Stores who expect to attend are Hugh Stewart, Manager of the Malone Avenue Store, and Melfred Taylor, clerk; Russell Walker, manager of the North Kroger Store, and Jimmy Connors and Carlbank Wallace, clerks.

LOCAL STERLING STORE HOLIDAY SALE STARTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

A Holiday Opening Sale will get underway Friday this week at the local Sterling Store, according to manager Slayton. Of special interest to the kiddies of Southeast Missouri and of the Sikeston District is the Toyland Department, which contains hundreds of toys and Christmas suggestions. Thousands of two-color posters have been mailed from this store announcing this sale event, and a record crowd of Xmas shoppers is expected. The store is gaily decorated in appropriate colors.

ASHER JAILED ON CHARGE OF SHOOTING HIS WIFE SUNDAY

Merrill "Dutch" Asher, 32-year-old farmer and gin employee of Cooter, Mo., who shot and dangerously wounded his wife, Grace, at the Jess Vincent home in New Madrid was arrested in Clarkston Sunday afternoon and temporarily lodged in the Caruthersville jail. Officers brought him to New Madrid Monday, where he now awaits trial.

Asher and his wife had been estranged for the past two months and she had been making her home with the Vincent family in New Madrid. Asher appeared there Sunday morning on the pretense of seeing his 4-year-old daughter, but remained to plead with his wife to return to him.

Both finally became angry and Asher left. He drove back to Cooter, obtained a shotgun and returned to the Vincent home in New Madrid, firing point blank at his wife. Amputation of her left hand and part of the forearm was necessary at the hospital. She will recover.

RICHLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO CONSIDER RECLEANING PROGRAM

A Commissioners report to the Circuit Court in this county was ordered withdrawn for revision, by the Board of Supervisors of the Richland Drainage District Tuesday this week at a meeting of that body held in the office of the Sikeston Trust Company. An ambitious program which called for digging new ditches, providing new outlets, and making other expensive changes, was included in the report of the Commissioners which the Board now asks to be remanded for modification.

Landowners represented by the Supervisors ask that a program of recleaning the 37 odd miles of ditches, to bring drainage up to its original efficiency, be substituted. Tentative proposals on the part of contractors make this movement highly desirable. An offer to do the work at a cost of less than \$2 per acre for the 22,000 acres of land in the area, has been received.

The Committee will confer with New Madrid County landowners on December 14, 1:30 o'clock, at Matthews to endeavor to get co-operation in the recleaning program. Five persons comprise the Board of Supervisors in the district, which incidentally has paid off all of its original obligation.

DISTRICT CHEVROLET DEALERS SEE NEW CARS

Sikeston and Oran Chevrolet dealers went to Memphis Wednesday this week to see the new Chevrolet models on display at an area showing, which was attended by approximately 700 dealers. C. E. Mitchell, H. G. Sharp, Ed Kendall and L. L. Conatzer of this city, and Mr. Tenkoff of Oran drove to the southern metropolis this week.

KUGMAN BROS. AFFAIR TO BE SETTLED SOON

According to a notice received from the Adjustment Bureau of the St. Louis Association of Credit Men, the affairs of Irving and Sam Kugman, or Kugman Brothers, who last fall filed in bankruptcy, will probably be ready for settlement by January 23. Quite a number of merchants and especially job and newspaper offices in Southeast Missouri were caught in the Kugman crash. The brothers made their living by buying stocks of bankrupt or near bankrupt merchants and staging "selling out" sales. The adjustment bureau will declare its dividend to creditors shortly after the first of February.

SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY LYCEUM NUMBER WED.

The second of a series of five lyceum numbers contracted for by the local high school for presentation during assembly hours this year was represented in the gymnasium Wednesday morning. Students from sixth to twelfth grades seemed to enjoy the program of popular and classical music, as interpreted by a troupe of five Hawaiian musicians.

GLEE CLUB OPERETTA POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS OF CAST

The illness with influenza of several members of the cast caused the postponement until next week of the Glee Club operetta scheduled for presentation this week, Friday. Six or eight main characters in the musical playlet went down for the count this week. Roy V. Ellise, superintendent, stated today that he hoped the operetta could be presented next week, Tuesday or Wednesday night. Definite announcement will be made Monday.

"TWO YEARS EACH" SAYS JUDGE TO YOUNG AUTO THIEVES

Russell Wilson, a juvenile and his associate, Alfred Leathers, two Parma boys, were sentenced to serve two years in the Missouri reformatory and State penitentiary respectively, following a plea of guilty to car theft, in Circuit Court Wednesday. Paroles will probably be granted, provided such action meets with the joint approval of John Scott, from whom the car was stolen, and an insurance company which carried the theft policy.

According to unofficial statements by Wilson, he accompanied Leathers to Sikeston in a car be-

longing to the latter, Wednesday night, November 30.

Wilson claims he was given the choice of driving Scott's car back home, or of walking back home. He drove the car. Leathers, it was claimed, actually stripped the machine and offered certain parts for sale.

The machine was recovered last Sunday night by Sheriff Tom Scott working with trooper Hubert Brooks. The two boys were picked up and charged with the theft, brought to Sikeston, and later removed to Benton, where the case was immediately brought to trial. Scott recovered most of the stolen property.

2271 New Madrid Farmers Receive Benefits From County Agent Office

BY GORDON B. NANCE

New Madrid, December 7.—The following information is taken from the annual report of the County Agent made to the College of Agriculture this week: Twenty-two hundred and seventy-one New Madrid County farmers profited in 1932 by following the advice of the County Extension Office in growing better home gardens to reduce the necessary cash outlay for living expenses. The amount by which these farmers profited was estimated at \$15 each—\$3 per member of the family—or an approximate total of \$34,000. These estimates were arrived at by a survey of 243 farms, made by dependable farmers on their own and adjoining farms, and applying these average figures to the total number of farms in the County.

According to this survey 2062 farmers planted more different kinds of vegetables than last year, 2295 farmers had better fall gardens than last year, 1415 adopted recommended methods of controlling garden insects, 2271 produced more vegetables than last year, despite a less favorable season, and 1912 farmers have more vegetables stored for winter.

The estimated saving of \$15 per family would seem to be a rather conservative figure when compared with some actual records of New Madrid County gardens. The average value of the vegetables supplied by the home garden in 1929 was given as \$25 by the U. S. Census. One of New Madrid County's gardens this year on September 1st had already supplied the family with vegetables for table use and for canning, which if bought at this village grocery would have cost \$140. Nor was this particular garden by any means the only such returns. The Extension Agent personally saw twenty or more gardens which would have compared favorably with the one mentioned.

It is recognized, of course, that economic conditions and experiences last year are conditions to that all this increase is not due to Extension effort. However, the Extension Office gave frequent and timely information as to the value of all year farm gardens, what vegetables and varieties of vegetables to plan, when they should be planted, how they should be cultivated and fertilized, how to control garden insects, etc., in meetings, circular letters, and in newspaper stories which reached every section of the country, and feels that no small part of this increase can be credited to these efforts.

The Sikeston Lions Club sponsored a Garden Contest, with prizes to be awarded on reports of quarterly inspections, which increased interest in home gardens—especially in the northern part of the county. The Extension Agent believes, that with the assistance of local communities, that the results achieved this year can be trebled in the next two or three years, thereby not only materially decreasing the necessary cash outlay for living expenses but also, because of the improved diet, contributing to the health of the community.

Federal Crop Loans

More than 1000 farmers were assisted in securing Federal Crop Loans which totaled \$126,000. Many of these men were also assisted in making settlement on these loans. Because of the work of the Extension Office, New Madrid County farmers were able to secure more loans and more adequate loans with less delay. That the securing of these loans were of benefit to farmers and to the County is generally conceded. Without them some farmers would have paid higher rates of interest and many others could not have secured credit on which to make

their crop. Without these loans, less land would have been cultivated, less rental collected, less taxes and bills paid and more people would have had to be taken care of by charity. The fact that the County Extension Agent was an experienced employee of the same United States Department of Agriculture that granted these loans, lent weight to his suggestions and enable him to be particularly effective in this work.

The Extension Office and the Farm Bureau organized local committees in 12 communities to prepare the loan applications in proper form, thus saving many repetitions and much delay. The limit of the loans to the tenant of one landlord were originally fixed at \$600. The Extension Office was able to have this restriction entirely removed; it secured the inclusion of provisions for loans for feed for work stock as well as loans for food and seed; it secured increased in the amount loaned for feed per mule.

An estimate of the Extension Agents effectiveness may be had from a comparison of the loans secured in New Madrid County, which had an adjoining county which did not have an Extension Agent. New Madrid County, with approximately twice as many farms and twice the cotton acreage of the adjoining county received approximately five times as many loans. A letter from the officer in charge of the loan office in St. Louis states in part "we have found it is almost impossible to do real constructive work in any county in which there is not an agent".

MATTHEWS CHILD DIES WITH MEMBRANES CROUP

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, in the Matthews Christian church, for James William Higgs, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgs of Matthews, the cause of his death being membranes croup. Rev. Harding, pastor of the church, officiated. Interment was made in the Matthews cemetery, Albritton in charge.

FIRE DAMAGES W. C. BOWMAN HOME

The large, frame home of Judge W. C. Bowman was damaged by fire at 1:40 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The blaze originated in the southwest part of the house, presumably from a defective kitchen flue. A large portion of the roof on the west side of the structure was destroyed, and water damage to the interior and furnishings of the home will be extensive.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. J. H. HELD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Alverda Rebecca Held, wife of the late J. H. Held, died last Wednesday at the home of her son, Joseph Held, in Bensenville, Jefferson County, Ala., following a critical illness of two weeks. She was born February 8, 1858 and died December 7 at the advanced age of 74 years, 9 months and 29 days.

The body was shipped to Sikeston arriving here on the noon Frisco train, and was removed to the Welsh Funeral Parlor, where it will lie in state until Friday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the Sikeston Methodist church with Rev. E. H. Orser officiating. A definite hour has not been set pending the arrival of her son, Joe, who is driving thru.

Excelsior Springs—R. N. Robertson & Son purchased Mayes Lunch, 110 North Main Street. Amsterdam—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nay purchased Hawkins Grocery Store.

Red Cross Roll Call To Be Finished in Scott December 12

The 1932 Roll Call campaign of the Scott County Chapter, American Red Cross, will officially close December 12. J. E. Harper, chairman, has requested all Chapter Roll Call chairmen to finish call back work, tabulate results, and make their final report by Monday.

Horace Colley, 52, Gets 20 Years on Plea of Guilty; Killed Brother Last May

Horace Colley, 52 years old, who last May shot and killed his brother, Oscar Colley, 39, during an altercation at the home of their mother in Blodgett, was sentenced in Scott County Circuit Court Wednesday to serve twenty years in the State penitentiary, following his plea of guilty.

The case came up for trial last week, but Colley asked for a change of venue from the court of Judge Frank Kelly, who named Judge E. M. Deering of Potosi to sit on the case in circuit court Wednesday, December 7. Colley's plea of guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree came somewhat as a surprise.

Oscar Colley died at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon, May 30, in the Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau of gunshot wounds inflicted early that morning by his brother, Horace. According to one version of the unfortunate affair, Oscar, who had been working in Boone, Iowa, lost his job and returned home to live with his mother. It is alleged that she asked her younger son to speak with "Army" about the latter's activities as a bootlegger. On that May morning the matter was aired, the brothers quarreled violently, and Oscar is alleged to have threatened an investigation by the sheriff. The shooting followed. There were no eye witnesses, the mother having stated that she was in the kitchen of her home, and did not see the affair which happened outside.

OLD SANTA TO PAY THREE WEEKLY VISITS TO KIDDIES WHO COME TO SIKESTON 'TWEEN NOW AND XMAS

Not one visit but three Saturday visits will be paid to Sikeston by that world famous dispenser of good cheer, Santa Claus, between now and Christmas. Sikeston merchants have worked many hours overtime this past week in order to have Santa visit the city next Saturday, and each of the two following Saturdays including the day before Christmas. And on each visit, Santa will have something different to entertain his friends, and to make their stay and shopping in Sikeston interesting and profitable.

For instance, Santa will drive in town next Saturday afternoon and distribute a truck load of toys, fruit, candies, live chickens and other gifts—a whole truck load to be scattered broadside to the crowd of kiddies and grown-ups are will line the streets and follow his truck through town. Remember his visit last year? Then be here Saturday afternoon and get your share.

The bewhiskered old gentleman from the North Pole has another stunt up his sleeve for the Saturday following, December 17. Merchants are making it possible for him to give away dozens and dozens of valuable gifts, but in this case everyone will hunt for the treasures. Several thousand numbered posters have been mailed to persons living in the trade area around Sikeston. Keep those posters and bring your copy to Sikeston on the seventeenth. You may have to go from store to store in order to find a gift bearing the number on your handbill, and then again you may find your gift at the very first store. It will be fun for everyone.

JIMMIE RODGERS, "BLUE YODLER" TO BE STAGE ATTRACTION DEC. 15-16

The one and only Jimmie Rodgers whose yodeling has gained for himself enviable contracts with the Victor Talking Machine Company and various radio broadcasting stations will appear in person at the Malone Theatre Thursday and Friday, December 15 and 16. For some reason or other thousands of country folks have developed a taste for Jimmie's particular talent, and his record of "packing 'em in" is well known wherever and whenever he has appeared in theatres outside of the large cities. Rodgers will appear only at the two night performances, giving one performance each day. The picture attraction Thursday and Friday will find Richard Dix and Ann Harding featured in "The Conquerors".

SIX COURT GAMES SET FOR FRIDAY

Six basketball games are scheduled in this district for Friday, and one for Saturday. The schedule: Fomfelt at Morley, Illinois at Advance, Oran at Chaffee, Dexter vs. Alton, New Madrid at Kewanee, Charleston at Cairo. The Saturday night contest will be between Fruitland and Fisk on the Dexter court. Fruitland won the State championship for schools of this class last year, and is expected to exhibit excellent form again this season. Thus far the Fisk court men have won three out of three games, scoring more than 150 points.

HAHS WINS FIRST AT NATIONAL MEET WITH HOBBY HORSE

According to an Associated Press dispatch from New York, the Hahs-Groves Corporation of Cape Girardeau and Sikeston was awarded first place at the National Association of Amusement Parks Convention, for Hahs' automatic, electric hobby horse. The ponies have been exhibited locally and in several nearby cities, notably St. Louis and Memphis, but this is the first time that national acclaim has come to this inventor. The Association met from November 28 to December 2.

Luke Mathews, in a crowd at the blacksmith shop Monday, announced that while he had been married 50 years he and his wife had never had a cross word. Whereupon all the married fellows present arose and went outside whistling.—Commercial Appeal.

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JACKSON MUNICIPAL PLANT DEBT-FREE REDUCES CITY TAXES BY ABOUT ONE-THIRD

Roy Holmes, superintendent of the Jackson, Mo., municipal light and water plant, reviews the situation with regard to that city in the December first edition of the Missouri Cash-Book, in which he states that the plant is now free of all debt.

Incidentally the general revenue tax rate in Jackson is \$1.00. Mr. Holmes' article follows in part:

There is a municipal industry in our city which operates entirely for the welfare of the community. It is called upon to function 100 per cent twenty-four hours per day, year after year. This enterprise is known as the Municipal Water and Light Plant. It is not owned by any individual or group of men. Each and every citizen of Jackson, regardless of whether he is a large or small user of water or electricity, owns an equal share of our municipal assets and should and will receive his proportionate share of benefits derived therefrom.

In our last profit and loss statement, dated June 16, October 15, we find that during this four-month period, that there was furnished the City of Jackson, without cost, and which must be taken from the earnings of the water plant, 27,604 K.W.s. of electricity which is based on a rate of 2 1/2¢ per K.W. amounting to \$1,109.56. Getting this on a monthly basis by using a division of four we find that our light plant has given us benefits worth approximately \$277.39 per month. Taking these figures as a fair average for one year, you will find that were it not for our possession of this enterprise, and we were able to afford the same type and amount of illumination, that it would cost our General Revenue Fund approximately \$3,328.68. If we were forced to take this money from the General Revenue Fund I am afraid it would hamper the normal functioning of our city departments. This current was furnished for street lighting, white way, courthouse tower, City Clerk's office, municipal band pavilion and hall.

During these years a great many cities owned and operated their own power plants, but when they began to depreciate and their books showed more red than any other color, they did not show the courage that existed among our citizens, with the result, they became discouraged and sold out to the Utilities Co., today, those same cities, a great many of them, are worrying about the high rate of tax they are forced to collect. And even with these taxes at the high level, they are forced to use additional taxation methods, such as gas tax, occupation and merchants tax. These taxes create no tendency towards better community living conditions. They also hamper the growth of small cities, I believe.

Recently our City Attorney, Mr. Frank Hines, and myself, made a survey of fifteen Southeast Missouri cities. The object of this survey was to find out how our method of city government compared with that used by our neighbors. We also wanted to get tax rate and water and light rates.

You would probably be interested to know that our method of city government and our books are as complete as that of any of the towns we visited. We found that our tax levy was lower than most of them, and that in two or three instances where the levy was less than ours, we found usually in these cases, that it was made up through the collection of merchant and occupation tax. In some instances we found this tax to be as much as \$35 per year for a drug store, \$25 for a grocery store, and from \$5 to \$10 for a lunch stand; \$10 to \$15 for dry-goods stores, and so on. Our merchant tax is \$1 per year.

We also found that the City of Kennett, with a population of 4,000 were paying \$5000 a year for street lights and fire protection. We found that the cost for this service was practically the same at Ste. Genevieve. The City of DeSoto has been forced through the lack of funds to discontinue their street lighting.

Our power plant, as I said before, is free of debt. The original bond issue of \$27,000 has long since been paid, and the original machinery has fully depreciated and not one piece of it remains in tact. There is nothing left but the old building and the old well. A recent comprehensive survey listed all municipal assets, arriving at the total of \$186,143.45 most of which was paid for out of earnings of the plant.

Mr. Holmes then launches into a discussion of the waterworks situation, and the need for adequate fire protection, and possibly another well.

One of the outstanding wrestlers in Turkey is a 25-year-old, 200-pound woman, named Eminie Eanim. One of her stunts is to swing an ox above the heads of spectators. That sure is swinging some bull.

FORMER SIKESTON MAN NOW IN NAVY WRITES OF MIGHTY PLANE CARRIER

Several months ago, W. G. Bohannon, station in B. Division, San Pedro, Calif., aboard the U. S. S. West Virginia, described in brief that powerful battleship, and according to a letter dated November 28, he has received a number of letters from the folks at home complimenting him upon his efforts to let handlubbers know how sailors live. He enclosed with his letter a length description of the airship carrier Lexington, the same which many Sikestonians and others saw in the film "Hell Divers".

The story as sent would require two full columns. The editor has boiled down much of the factual material, believing that Bohannon's old-time friends would be as interested in a description as are the thousands of persons who visit the ship for inspection.

The keel of the Lexington was laid January 7, 1921. The ship was scrapped in accordance with terms of the Washington Arms Conference, but plans were re-designed, and the ship completed as a plane carrier on January 5, 1928.

One hundred and six officers, regularly assigned, and 2000 men are aboard the Lexington. The officer personnel does not include seventy-three attached to the squadrons, nor does it include Rear Admiral John Halligan, Commander Aircraft, and his staff of fourteen.

Seven departments compose the organization of the Lexington, each in charge of a senior officer who conducts the business of his under the supervision of the executive officer, who, in turn, is responsible to the Captain. Departments are Navigation, Medical, Gunnery, Supply, Air, Construction and Repair, engineering and Communication.

The Lexington's electric power plant is capable of developing 180,000 horsepower, greater than the combined output of the six electric capital ships now in commission, the New Mexico, California, Tennessee, Maryland, Colorado and West Virginia.

Electricity propels the ship at a speed of thirty-three knots. Propulsion apparatus consists of four 35,200 kilowatt turbine-generator sets supplying current to eight powerful electric motors. Turbine-generators are operated steam from sixteen oil-fired boilers. The motors are connected in pairs to each of the four propeller shafts, each pair having an aggregate weight of 440,000 tons. Motors have a capacity of 22,500 horsepower and measure fifteen feet in diameter.

In addition to propulsion machinery, the Lexington is provided with six 750 kilowatt, direct current for operation of guns, steering, ventilation, fire protection and the galley. Fresh water is obtained by means of a large evaporating plant capable of making 66,000 gallons a day from salt water. Steam is generated in sixteen water tube boilers rated at about 12,000 horsepower each. Oil is burned by eight burners under the tubes. Nearly 2,000,000 gallons of fuel oil can be carried in the vessel's 122 tanks. Foundries, blacksmith, machine and electric shops are operated by enlisted personnel.

Thirty radio operators receive, route, file and transmit all radio dispatches to and from the ship and keep radio gear in repair. Radio compasses direct planes to the Lexington in foggy weather. Three clerks handle mail in the Lexington postoffice. The clerks are responsible not only to the communication officer but to the Postmaster General.

On the main deck at the bow are three great anchors, each weighing fifteen tons and attached to 400 yards of chain. Plumbers, carpenters, laundrymen, tailors, shoemakers, ship's musicians, the sailmaker who prepares and handles all canvas used on the carrier, and the boatswain and his mates, whose profession is almost as old as the sea, all make up the construction and repair department.

Twenty ship's cooks and eight bakers prepared food for the men. All cooking and baking is done by electricity. Two ship's cooks act as butchers. When food is ready it is put in aluminum containers, each holding food for twenty men and placed in heating ovens until ready to serve.

Other interesting features of this mighty ship include the Sick Bay, which has a ward containing thirty-two beds and is equipped with a diet kitchen. Medical officers, dentists, pharmacist's mates and hospital carpenter attend the sick. There is a dispensary, an operating room, comparing favorably with that of any large shore hospital, an isolation ward for treatment of contagious diseases, two X-ray machines and a dental office.

Ship's Service
 Ship's Service activities consist of the Ship's Service stores, soda fountain, barber shops, cobbler shop, tailor shop and ship's laundry. Two barber shops, employing six men, turn out about 2000 haircuts and 1000 shaves each month. Aircraft and their operations, consisting of four divisions and the Aircraft Squadron, at attached to the carrier, are directed by three Air Department. Two scouting squadrons of eighteen planes, two fighting squadrons of nineteen planes each and one torpedo squadron consisting of eighteen planes are attached to the Lexington.

Fruit cakes, any size, 75c per lb.—Mrs. Will Sikes. Phone 462.

Mt. Moriah—Dedication services held for New Mt. Moriah church.

HELP YOURSELF

Relief work has its peculiar problems, not the least of which is the study of human nature. A man, seemingly blind, hobbled along the sidewalks of Sikeston last Saturday. A woman, evidently his wife, carried a sickly looking child and paced along beside him as though guiding him thru the crowded streets. He plucked doleful tunes from a mandolin, which furnished the musical accompaniment to equally tear-jerking songs. So they passed the afternoon, and the folks along the way dropped their coins readily, it appeared to us, in the tin cup carried in the woman's one free hand.

At 6:15 o'clock the blind one

had regained his sight. His shuffling, ambling gait had turned to a sprightly walk. His mandolin he carried with the jaunty air of a country fiddler going to a wedding. And this woman, strange to say, had changed from a slatternly beggar to a fairly attractive young woman. Praise be to the art of makeup. * * * We do not know, of course, how much actual cash this pair of thieving rascals dragged out of Sikeston. One has no way of finding out. But it does chill the spirit of charity to find men and women who will prey upon the sympathies of their fellowmen in order to gain their ends.

We talked at length Tuesday with a fellow living south of Sikeston. He wore patched trousers.

His coat was not a '32 model, nor was the square felt hat of late vintage. He did have something, however, which we believe is worth passing on. He had found energy to make a go of ordinary living, where others situated likewise have failed, or have appealed to the Red Cross or other relief agencies. He made a crop this year, raised a few hogs, chickens and a garden. His cows give an average of ten gallons of milk daily, which permits the use of plenty of country butter. His cotton was "out" he told us, and disposed of at the current price. Corn was cribbed and would remain so, he thought, at its present price. Right now, with his own crops in and practically forgotten about, he is working at odd

jobs for other farmers, and he is taking in pay not money, because most farmers are a bit short on that commodity, but in lard, meat, sweet potatoes and other food-stuffs in the rough. . . . Another farmer on the same piece of land, sold his cotton for cash spent the money rather foolishly, refuses to take odd jobs and his pay in food-stuffs.

One of the two boasts that his family of seven children will not starve this winter, the other has already made application for relief.

The publicity department of a well-known automobile concern Wednesday morning forwarded a "corrected" news story. A few days ago several bales of printed

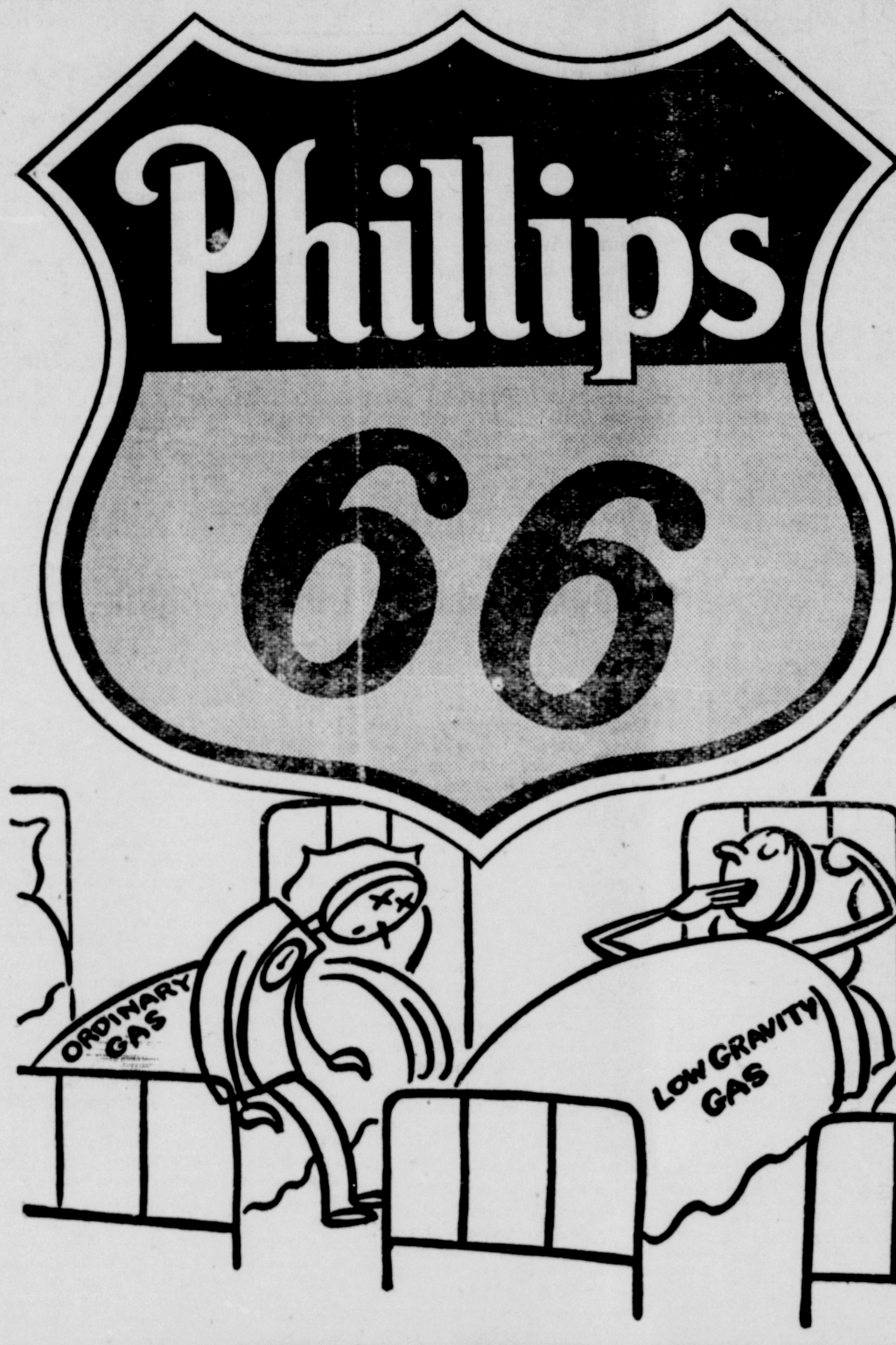
material had been shipped in. The director of this avalanche of words in his latest note says: Through typographical error on printed story, word "auspicious" was spelled "suspicious". Still, we believe that someone unintentionally told the truth in the first place. Before you buy that car, it looks like an "auspicious" purchase. Afterwards one begins to look upon the alleged superiorities of his particular hack with suspicion. We are not going to run the correction. We didn't print the first story.

Thursday evening of last week the Eastern Star Lodge of Sikeston entertained their Masonic Brethren with a dinner to which some 135 guests were seated.

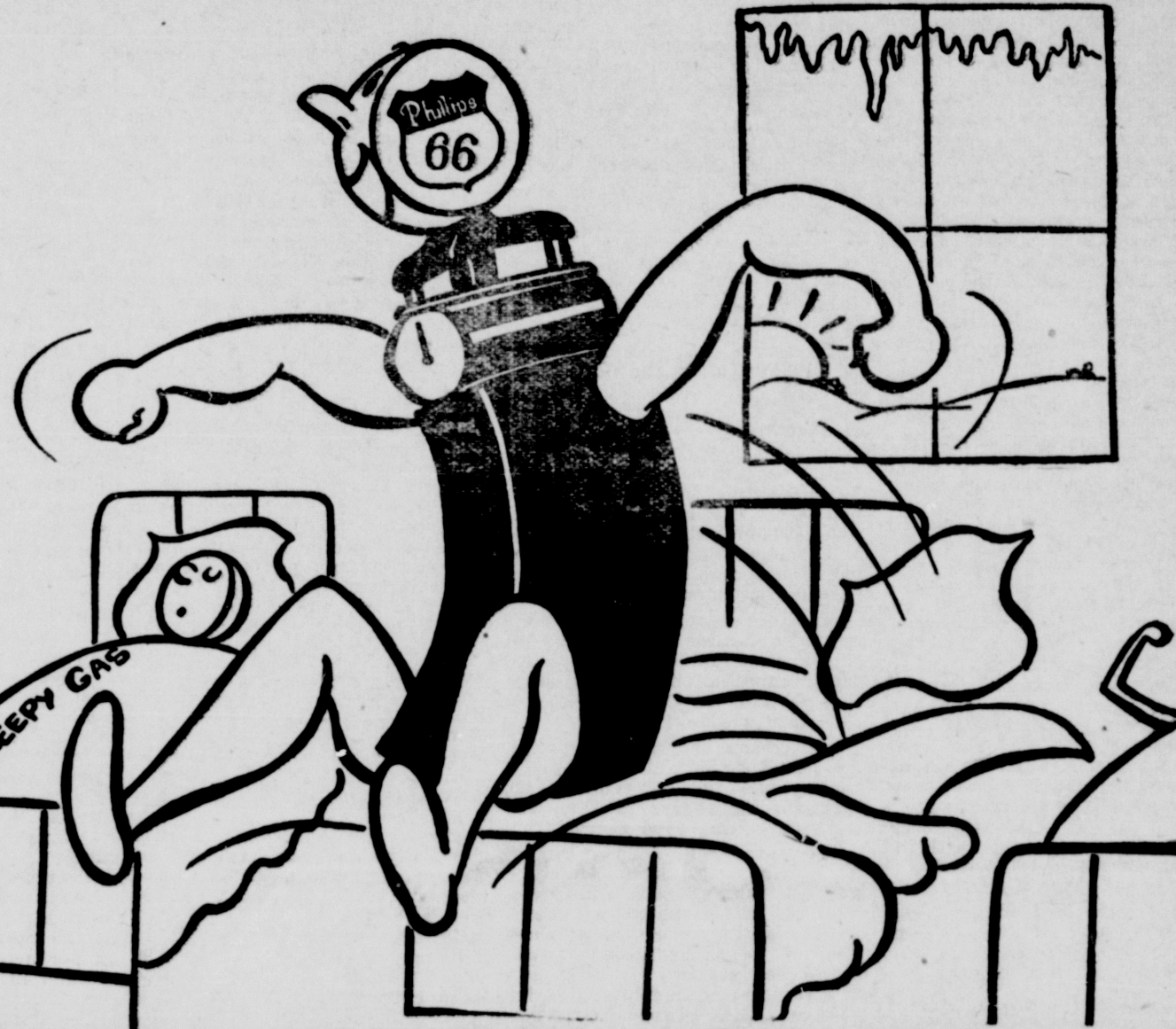
Words fail us in describing the splendid meal, but it is safe to say it is doubtful if ever a better plate was served in the church. The plates were bountifully served, the food piping hot and seasoned to the taste. The tables were tastefully decorated and the service perfect. The Eastern Star members prepared and served the banquet. It was good to have been there.

Persons accustomed to take words literally can smile at the cabled news that the Irish Free State has put a three hundred per cent duty on imported vegetables of a specified class.

Marceline—Shale surfacing applied to 50 blocks of local streets.



There's **"Up-and-At-Em"** Action in every drop of Phillips 66



"HIGHEST TEST"
 at the price of ordinary gasoline

No waiting! No delay! You get the fastest cold-weather starting you have ever had from your motor, when you Phill-up with Phillips 66 . . . the greater gasoline.

This super-volatile motor fuel snaps your engine into action the instant your toe touches the starter. That does away with the nuisance and damage of slow, hard starting in Winter. That saves your time, your temper, your battery, and your money.

High test is what does the trick. And Phillips 66 gravity right now ranges from

65.6° to 72.4°

Ask yourself if you have ever seen any other gasoline advertisement, except Phillips', which has definitely and unequivocally printed its gravity figures. Ask any gasoline expert you know, if the Phillips figures are not sensational. Ask any friend who uses Phillips 66, if he has not secured amazing improvement in all 'round performance.

The answer to every one of these questions points to the outstanding

superiority of Phillips 66. The obvious fact is that low gravity gasoline is lazy gasoline, and lazy gasoline is especially sluggish on days of freezing cold.

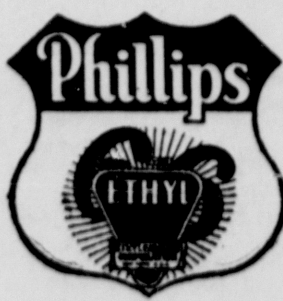
Phillips 66 is not only "highest test." It is the gasoline of CONTROLLED VOLATILITY. Every gallon you buy is always scientifically adjusted to your climate at the time you buy it. At every place, at any time, it is honest high test without a penny of higher price.

Why wait until your motor balks one of those stormy, snow-swept days? Get the truth about the starting speed of gasolines now. Discover for yourself the difference which high test actually makes in your motor.

Make this trial with your mind utterly unprejudiced. Forget all about our claims. Forget all about the claims made for any other gasoline. Then switch, for just one week, from your present motor fuel to Phillips 66.

If you aren't amazed and delighted with the improvement in motor performance, if you aren't astonished at the increase in cold-weather starting speed, if you are not pleased beyond words with this higher test gasoline that costs not a penny of higher price—then you are an out-and-out exception among 7,400,000 satisfied users of Phillips 66 gasoline.

Begin making this test tomorrow. Get your first trial tankful at the nearest Orange and Black 66 shield.



Also Phillips 66 Ethyl at the regular price of Ethyl Gasoline



A gasoline of U. S. Motor grade at a competitive price



The world's finest oil for your motor 31 1/2 a quart

Sensenbaugh Brothers
 Phillips 60-61 Hiway Service Station

Scott County Motor Company
 J. Wm. FOLEY, Ford Dealer

Sensenbaugh Bros. No. 1
 Kingshighway and Malone

They Say—Says The Man About Town

By ART L. WALLHAUSEN

Personal contact with vice has done more to make virtue attractive than all the preachers in the world.

Women are directly or indirectly connected with 99 per cent of the acts of men. The other 1 per cent of deeds, thoughts and actions are handled direct by the women and do not count in our calculations.

While walking about town with Clark, the glass eater, we noticed that he kept casting hungry, longing looks at our white gold watch. In order to stop any gas-trophic loss of time, we paid for his meal at the boarding house. He said he enjoyed it, but missed his "roughage".

A revamped vamp is the new Clara Bow. Reconstructed from how to stern, the boys and girls of ye beauty shoppe clan have overhauled, scraped, furred the t'psail and otherwise attempted to achieve a Bebe Daniels effect with a Red Headed mama who now comes wrapped in ermine instead of short shorts.

The effect is quite astonishing, we are informed, but not achieving that alluring something called sophistication, personality plus and "it" so long as one has a pug nose.

And Clara still has that pert snoot.

Trust the Jewish people to capitalize whatever might be at hand. Mentioned time without number as a "chosen people" and keeping in mind that the Zukors, Thalbergs, Goldwyns, etc., etc. are of Jewish extraction, we now and "The Sign of the Cross" dramatized for approbation by Jew and gentile alike.

"I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a People," so saith the Good Book.

But it remained for these descendants of Moses to lead the Children to this conception—via the box office.

Will someone please tell us what the word "majallah" means, and why?

Trowbridge has a new one on wife, Lucy. Her problem child in math seemed actually to be enthralled whilst she covered the blackboard with various and sundry figures illustrating a certain problem.

"And now, Tommy, do you understand how it's worked?" asked the teacher.

"No, mam," replied Tommy, pulling riveted eyes from the board, but I been thinking and wondering! Where do the figures go when you run 'em out?"

Class dismissed.

If George M. Cohan does achieve a theme song featuring new red, white and blue jacketed hot dogs, said to be under production by meat packers, we wonder whether the verse might be termed doggerel.

Blessed events, since we seemingly must think today in trains of movie thought, cause postponements even in Hollywood. During the filming of "King of the Jungle", the Motion Picture Herald informs us, Lotus, gigantic hippopotamus, had to be side tracked temporarily and a substitute rung in. Lotus went to the maternity ward.

Billy Sunday is in Cokuloid land ready to change that synonym "Hell and Hollywood" to something more appropriate. Billy says he can't exactly agree with the popular version of Hollywood, but we have our doubts. Next thing we'll be paying our good baron earned newspaper dollars to see "The Evangelist", starring that dynamic, marvelous, appealing, emotional devil-chaser ex-minister Billy Sunday.

Most of the really great acts of sportsmanship do not happen on the gridiron, nor are they heralded in the press or broadcast the world over, if men and women

were not blind, those deeds would become realities. They happen in ordinary acts of living, and they are seldom talked about.

Small town gossip also shape the destinies of men—and women.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger quoting facts and figures from a recent survey conducted in St. Louis, finds among other things, that working girls in that city earn an average of \$16.60 per week, and spend \$17.25—the deficit—65 cents accumulates in borrowing. Most of them showed an increasing volume of debt, the survey proper concludes, for which the P. P. L. adds "And all declared themselves 'frankly eager to marry'."

Misery loveth company.

An Old Time Love Letter

In an old book dated 1820, there is the following very curious love epistle. It affords an admirable play upon words:

"Madame: Most worthy of admiration! After long consideration and much meditation on the great reputation you possess in the nation, I have strong inclination to become your relation. On your approbation of the declaration, I shall make preparation to remove my situation to a more convenient station, to profess by admiration, and if such oblation is worthy of observation and can obtain commiseration, it will be an aggrandizement beyond all calculation of the joy and exultation of yours,

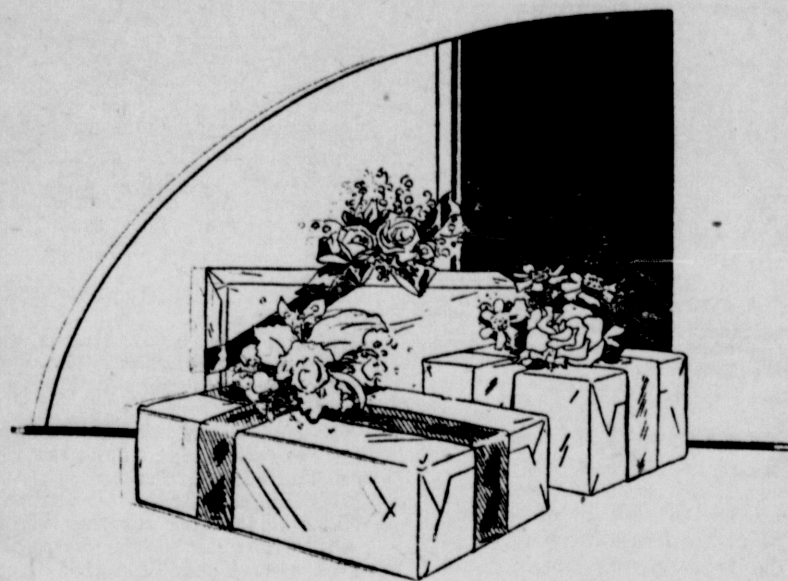
SANS DISSIMULATION."

The following is the still more curious answer:

"Sir: I perused your oration with much deliberation at the great infatuation of your imagination to show such veneration on so slight a foundation. But after examination and much serious contemplation, I supposed your animation was the fruit of recreation, or had sprung from ostentation to display your education by an odd enumeration, or rather multiplication of words of the same termination, though of greater variation in each respective signification. Now, without dispute, your laborious application is so tedious an occupation deserves commendation and thinking imitation a sufficient gratification. I am without hesitation yours,

MARY MODERATION."

Making a Simple Gift Go a Long, Long Way



By Melyne Royce.

IT'S twenty to one, my friends, that even as I write these words you're worrying about a gift of some kind for somebody or other. "What on earth will I give Jean?" you ask yourself in a panic. And then finally light dawns, and you rush to your favorite department store and pick out just the right little gadget.

Very thoughtful you are, and doubtless Jean is appreciative. But—do you rush the gift in its brown swathing right into the poor girl's hands? Or take it unwrapped? Or fold a piece of mussy tissue-paper carefully around it, tie it with a cord, and let it go at that? Or do you do right by the present you have picked out with tender solicitude, and dress it up gallantly to make it look interesting and exciting?

Before you wrap up your presents, make sure that you have some unusual paper and lovely ribbon—do them up with—then scamp—rush to the nearest flower-shop and pick out one or two of the prettiest blossoms on the market to tie on the top.

The Altoona Tribune hears the report that there is one editor in heaven. How he got there is not positively known, but it is conjectured that he passed off as a minister and stepped in unexpectedly. When the dodge was discovered they searched the realms of felicity

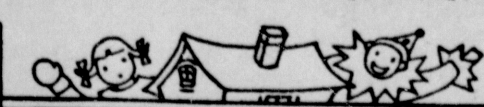
all their length and breadth for a lawer to draw up the necessary papers for ejection, but they couldn't find one, and of course the editor held the fort.

Breckenridge—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Robertson of Pattonsburg, opened beauty shop here.

For the wedding and engagement presents, choose white blossoms—gardenias, daisies, camellias, lilies-of-the-valley. For the hospital flowers, be careful first of all to pick out some that are not too heavily scented, as the lingering odor of ether is quite enough fragrance, thank you. Gay flowers are best tied to these gifts, and if you're taking something to the mother, you might attach a "rider" for the baby—a tiny, tiny bouquet made up of the daintiest little flowers. The son and heir may not appreciate it, but his mother will.

For birthday presents you can use almost any flower that takes your fancy—and tie it in any color. Thank fortune we're getting away from the too-conventionalized wrapping. But when you tie these blossoms onto the packages, have them made up, if possible, in a corsage. Yes, even for Jean in the hospital. She might like to see it on her nightgown—or float it, as it were, in a flat bowl on the bedside table.

Santa's



HEADQUARTERS

Sterling

5¢ to \$1 STORE



Holiday Opening Sale Begins Friday, Dec. 9th, at 8:00 A. M.

WOMEN'S BOX HANDKERCHIEFS

All the newest French and Spanish folds. Fine grade of handkerchief lawn. Colored embroidered corners. Porto Rican trimmings. Hemstitched and rolled edges. Packed in elaborate picture top boxes. Values up to 50c.

15c to 29c

LADIES' MIRROR—COMB BRUSH SETS

Beautiful mirror, comb and brush sets; large, long handled brushes and combs to match. Each set packed in attractive boxes in an assortment of colors to select from.

59c and \$1.00

MEN'S FANCY HOSE IN BOXES

Men's fancy hose in fancy Christmas boxes. These hose are absolutely first quality hose and come in a wide assortment of colors, in sizes 10½ to 11½.

15c and 25c

BEADS IN BOXES

Fancy colored and pearl beads in single, double and triple strand. Fancy filigree clasps. Packed in beautiful holiday boxes in a wide assortment to select from.

10c to 25c

FRESH DELICIOUS CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS

Assorted candies which are guaranteed absolutely fresh in such popular items as orange slices, coconut bon bons, lemon drops and other numbers. Christmas is never complete without a generous quantity of candies.

10c and 15c lb.

FULL-FASHIONED HOSIERY

"Service Weight"

This will probably be the most popular gift of all, especially so when we are in position to offer you strictly first quality 42 gauge, full fashioned hose at such a low price. Every pair is guaranteed to give service and the construction is the same as you will find in hosiery retailing up to \$1.00. Picot top, double sole, high spliced heel in all the new winter shades. Sizes 8½ to 10. Chiffon weight for those who want and prefer real sheer stockings. We are offering a 4-thread 45-gauge all silk picot top, regular \$1.00 value.

Sizes 8 1-2 to 10 1-2

49c

HOSIERY

Never has our Hosiery Department been able to offer such outstanding values. This assortment consists of men's fancy half hose in medium and winter weights. Fancy heathers, silk and rayon and wool mixtures, contrasting spirals, plaited stripes, two-tone effects, step up patterns and solid color silks. Sizes 10½ to 12. Goods originally costing you 25c.

10c and 15c

WOMEN'S HANKIES

Fifty different styles for your selection. Hand-embroidered, colored woven cords and fancy prints made of 76x72 handkerchief cloth. Full size. Hemstitched and rolled edges. The most elaborate assortment of embroidered and cords we have ever shown. Values up to 15c.

2 for 5c and 5c

HANDKERCHIEFS

We are offering the most outstanding men's handkerchief value in America. Our stocks consist of plain white handkerchiefs, 64-60 count, colored woven cords, satin stripes, clip cords and initials. Every handkerchief is full cut and nicely pressed. Goods that retail normally up to 15c will be offered during our Holiday Opening sale at

2 for 5c and 5c

MEN'S FANCY NECKWEAR

Most men and boys like to be remembered at Christmas time with pretty neckties and the line we offer was made strictly according to our own specifications of quality silks and rayons. A wide assortment of patterns, stripes, floral designs, jacquard figures. Hombre effects. Full length and guaranteed to give service.

15c and 25c



DRESSED STUFFED BODY

BABY DOLL

Large stuffed-body dolls unbreakable head, movable arms and legs. Beautifully dressed with knitted hose and white shoes; also has a strong voice.

59c

RED ROCKER AND CHAIRS

The rocker and chair which we are offering this year are a former dollar number. They are constructed from good first class material, are reinforced so as not to collapse and have a heavy coat of red paint.

50c

MECHANICAL TRAINS

This "Ives" mechanical train outfit is manufactured and guaranteed by the "Ives Corp". Consisting of wind-up engine, coal tender and two coaches. Complete in a box.

Complete \$1.00

LEATHER COVER FOOTBALLS

These footballs are genuine leather footballs with a heavy gum rubber bladder, manufactured by "Hutchinson Bros." One with tube blow up, buckskin tie strings, the other ready laced with valve blow up connection.

Valve Blowup 98c Tube Blowup 59c

"SONNY" STURDY RED WAGONS

The "Sonny L" wagon that we are offering this year is the most substantial steel bodied wagon ever offered. Has disk wheels, rubber tires, reinforced front and back supports, sturdy handle; all movable parts loose and easily operated. In a nice contrasting black and red highly enamel paint job.

\$1.00

POP GUNS WITH GUARDED STOPPER

A durable gun with red wood stock. Made by the "All Metal Products Co." Has guarded wood stopper and loud report.

25c

BEAUTIFULLY DRESSED LARGE STANDING PATSY-TYPE DOLL

This doll is a doll which last year retailed for \$1.00. It is attractively dressed with organdy dress and bonnet, jointed arms and legs, knitted stockings, white shoes; in several color combinations.

59c

ALUMINUM TEA SETS

Aluminum tea sets in a wide range of prices. Packed in beautiful boxes, alluminum pieces are sanitary, rust proof, and lasting. Pieces consist of pie plate, cups and saucers, tea kettle, percolator and other kitchen utensils. Each attractively packed.

10c and 25c

WOOD DOLL FURNITURE, CRADLES, SWINGS, ETC.

Small and large collapsible cradles, highly painted, durable construction. Also doll swings and high chairs. These toys are constructed from good material and are highly painted in assorted colors, red, greens, blues and etc.

10c and 15c

TEA SETS

China tea sets priced from 10c to 59c. Each packed in attractive boxes. Items in sets consist of cups, saucers, tea pot, plates. Highly decorated with attractive design. In assorted color combinations.

10c to 59c

STURDY ACCORDIANS

This accordion is a beautiful toy. Has 6 key notes, is sturdily constructed, covered with silver foiled paper with assorted color contrasted trimmings, a thumb grip and is a toy that really can be played.

50c

SEWING SETS

This sewing set is packed in a beautiful compartment box and consists of the following items: 8 stamped pieces of doll clothes, one embroidery hoop, a quantity of thread, tape and snaps and one china doll. A complete set.

29c

WOOD WHEEL BARROW

This wood wheelbarrow is constructed from good wood and is a beautifully painted toy in red, yellow combination. The wheel is free moving, push handles are long and sturdily built.

15c

TRACTOR SET WITH THREE TRAILERS

Tractor truck, manufactured by "Arcade Mfg. Co." Consists of one tractor with three open trailers. These toys are constructed of heavy iron with bright wheels.

50c

"ALGER" BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The popular line of books consisting of "Boy Scouts" series and other popular titles in attractive assortment of books for boys and girls by good authors. Printed in large clear type on a good quality of papers, covers of heavy cardboard.

10c and 15c

MEMORY OF JUDGE HONORED AT BENTON

Benton, December 2.—A bit of the Benton Circuit Court's time was taken Thursday morning by the Scott County Bar Association in presenting to the court a picture of the late Judge H. C. O'Bryen. A similar program was held at Charleston recently. The formal presentation was made by Attorney Ralph E. Bailey of Sikeston and accepted by Judge Frank Kelly for the people of the county. Attorneys J. A. Boone and O. V. Joslyn of Charleston spoke briefly on the life of Judge O'Bryen, as an attorney and a judge. Attorney R. B. Lucas of Benton read the address of Senator R. R. Oliver which he delivered at Charleston. The history of the Circuit Court of Scott County was given, the first judge and his successors to the present time and their length of term. The court was organized in 1822. Harry C. Stanton of Sikeston, president of the association, presided.

Hunnell—Pioneer Creamery Co. of Illinois, opened branch house in building formerly occupied by Hennelwell Shipping Association.

See and hear these New Majestic Radios at our store. Many amazing new features. Unheard of values, prices are the lowest in the history of Majestic.

Eight beautiful new models, priced from

\$44.50 to \$149.50

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SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

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 Reading notices, per line10c
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There was a time when Princess Alice got all the preferred positions in the newspapers, then along came the Indian Squaw who pushed her aside that she might get her feet under the table toward the head. It looks a bit like the new mistress of the White House has both of them in the discard, as she seems to be just about all there is in everything.

This week's news covers thefts from automobiles including a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, a large church bible, and a package of dog biscuit. Those who look for good in everyone can contend that thieves are not hard to get along with. They demand no mortgages or endorsed notes, and do not insist on a settlement based upon the gold standard.

A police court reports that an irate husband threw a plate at his wife, missed her, hit his daughter, and fell and laid himself up. In these hard times, the reader is inclined to wonder what happened to the plate.

The fact that three hundred thousand auto license blanks were sent out recently by the traffic bureau of a city suffering under the pinch of the depression, recalls the home-paper item of a decade ago, to the effect that So-and-So's car overturned near the wharf last Sunday, while he was on the way to the poorhouse to visit his father.

Twenty-five years ago, when a piece of pavement had to be torn up, the street was blocked with men, busy with pick and shovel. A dozen wagons, each having a driver, carted away the refuse a cubic yard at a time. Now one man cuts up the pavement with a pneumatic chisel, a second operates a machine that scoops the loose material into a great truck, and a third drives the vehicle away. Coal cars are lifted off the tracks and their contents are dumped bodily into the hull of a steamer. A vessel can be loaded today in the time formerly required to open the hatches. The labor freed from one job by the introduction of machinery, passed on to another job, there to be replaced again. It is "a long, long trail a-winding to no man's land," not in France, as the war song goes, but right here at home. The cause of the present depression may be something harder to remove than foreign debts, speculation, or lack of beer. Perhaps we are approaching the end of the trail.

Mrs. Fred Rodman of St. Joe arrived the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall, until after the holidays.

MALONE THEATRE

Thursday and Friday
December 8 and 9The
KIND OF A GIRL
No Fellow
Could Forget!—and she understood, too!
Believed and encouraged him!Charming romance!
Worlds of Fun! Thrills!HAROLD LLOYD
in
Movie CrazyCONSTANCE CUMMINGS
PRODUCED BY HAROLD LLOYD CAP.
A Paramount ReleasePARAMOUNT SOUND NEWS
Harry Langdon in "THE BIG FLASH"

New Madrid School News

Milus R. Davis

The New Madrid County High School Association convened last Saturday, Supt. L. G. Wilson presiding and Supt. Ralph McCullough serving as secretary. Eleven high schools were represented, leaving only one not represented. The County Basketball Tournament was voted to be held at Lilbourn a week before the District Tournament at Cape Girardeau, which comes in March. The tournament for both boys and girls will be held together and most of the games will be played at night beginning Tuesday or Wednesday night and finishing on Saturday night. Night sessions will bring in more money and will not interfere as much with school work.

Our county-wide testing program is nearing the finishing line and the latter results are somewhat more gratifying as the percentage of satisfactory scores has been raised.

This program has not included pupils in the eleven first class high school districts, but since we have had some requests to extend this service, we will say that we will be glad to offer this testing program to those who desire it and that it will be free of charge.

In addition to those already given in previous notes, below are the names of children who made satisfactory scores and deserve honorable mention:
 Kendall school—Violet Tucker, 8th grade; Roland O'Dell and Dorothy Moore, 7th; Marie Morrison and Donald Baker, 6th; Aleta Baker, Leroy O'Dell and Louise Rawson, 5th.

Tinsley—Ida Childers, 8th; Geo. Gosnell, 6th; Lester Parmer, 5th. Pleasant Valley—Norma Bohannon, Violet Mullen and Hester Atkinson, 8th; R. Q. Brown, Berice Mullen and Opha Barker, 6th.

Fairview—Temple Mason, Azile Jones, Cecil Shelby, Leo Cook, Lucille Hensley and Muriel Peterson, 8th; Sibyl Sims, Desmond Goodman, Jewel Beck and Marie Schell, 6th; Earnest Williams, Edgar Elserman, Lorine Fodge, Billy Elserman, Henry Mason and Virginia Griffin, 5th.

Bowman—Juanita McGill and Royce Ayer, 8th; Cecil Ford, Margaret McGill and Fay Chittenden, 7th; James Smoot, 6th.

Oak Island—Magdalene Berry and Rebecca Shepherd, 7th. Maple Grove—Billy Blevins, 8th; Elmo Smith, Jewel Corn, Mildred Corn, Arthur Dorris, Glendie Beards, James Smith and Mary Stewart, 7th; Pauline Tipton, Jack Steinfeld and Cecil Harris, 6th; Bonnie Tipton, Montene Meyers, G. C. Bagby, Lorene Kinder, Elberta Bagby, Kenneth Daniels and Horace Stinson, 5th.

Broadwater—John Esterline and Thayer Turman, 8th; Alene Esterline, 6th; Illa Faye Esterline, Russell Turman, and Odell Butler, 5th; Howard Esterline, 4th.

New Hope—Howard Thompson, Marie Johnson, Lee Ann Crider and Marshall Arrington, 8th; Florence Woodbridge and Agnes Goebel, 7th; Edna Jackson and Albert Johnson, 6th; Hortense Davis and Ida Marie Goebel, 5th.

Hymn—Mary Irvin and Harold Irvin, 8th; Violet Rayborn, 6th; Sarah Hicks, Edna Chadwell and Silas Belford, 5th.

NORTH KROGER STORE
TO BE REMODELED

According to Russell Walker, Manager of the North Kroger Store, beginning the first of the year a complete process of remodeling the store will be begun. A new hardwood floor, a new front and new shelving will be built, and a butcher shop will be installed.

MALONE THEATRE

Saturday Only
December 10Continuous show 2:30 to 11 p. m.
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LIBRARY DAY AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club had a book shower at the home of Mrs. Calvin Greer Tuesday afternoon with a small number present.

A number of books and some money were donated to the library. Mrs. H. E. Reuber rendered a vocal number with Mrs. Ralph Anderson at the piano. Mrs. Kate Cook, the librarian, gave the following paper, "Crime Reduced by Libraries".

"I tell you, this library has been a godsend to me," said a young man, who graduated from college three years ago and has been unable to secure employment. He was speaking to a Missourian librarian.

Nearly every day for three years he has been coming to the library, reading widely in English literature and trying his hand at writing. Three books recently read by him were "The Fatal Interview", by Millay, "Third Book of Modern Verse", by Rittenhouse and "Short Story Technique", by Beach.

Another young fellow, five years out of high school, who has had only occasional jobs has spent his time in the library, devoting himself especially to books on psychology and astronomy, two recent titles being "About Ourselves", by Overstreet and "The Universe Around Us", by Jeans.

According to the Missouri Library Association, librarians in St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Springfield, Sedalia, Hannibal, Macon, Carthage, Kirkswood, Webster Groves, report that their libraries are being used by many thousands of such young people who have completed their education but have been unable to get jobs.

Commenting on these facts, Wiley B. Rutledge, Dean of Washington University Law School, says: "Libraries undoubtedly are one of America's best crime deterrents. The Missouri Crime Survey estimated a few years ago that losses sustained as the result of the operation of criminals amounted in Missouri to \$85,000,000 a year. This is in addition to the cost of police departments criminal prosecution, and penal institutions which amounts to \$9,000,000 a year in Missouri. The total for public libraries for the State is only slightly more than one million. So we are paying in Missouri approximately \$100 for crime for every dollar spent for public libraries."

According to an estimate, based on official statistics, 80 million hours are spent in Missouri yearly in reading library books. "This," says Dean Rutledge, "makes provision, for a lot of idle hours at a cost of about one cent an hour, suggesting the old adage that a ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

IT ALL DEPENDS

A story, told by Irvin Cobb, has to do with a colored minister who was caught hugging one of the sisters of the flock—and a church trial was called.

Eye witnesses testified, and the minister confessed—but eloquently defended his actions—as proper and authorized by the bible. He maintained that as pastor of the flock, he had a perfect right to take one of his lambs in his arms and cited the Great Shepherd for example.

When the trial was finished, a good brother offered a resolution which was as follows: "We excuse Brother Johnson from all blame—but hereafter when he wants to take one of his lambs in his arms, we suggest that he select a ram lamb."—Pointers.

Sullivan—Citizens Public Service Co. sold local exchange and three other exchanges in neighboring towns to Scotia Tel. Co.

MALONE THEATRE

Sunday and Monday
December 11 and 12Afternoon and Evening
I started at the bottom. Then I got a better job, in a place where they didn't have sawdust on the floor. Now I'm a star with my name in lights . . . a name that's been dragged through the mud from Second Avenue to Broadway. All I get out of it is glitter and shame and they take away my baby! Figure that one out!CONSTANCE BENNETT
Stunningly! . . . Gloriously! . . . America's ravishing star triumphs in drama that touches the tender emotions . . . the story of a girl who fought for love . . . and lost. From the reeking dives of the half world to the shimmering Great White Way . . . she's gorgeous! See her in the dramatic heart-cry of a million mothers:

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PARAMOUNT SOUND NEWS

Broadway Brevities present "TIP, TAP, TOE"

Sunday Matinee: 2:30 P. M.
Monday Matinee: 3:00 P. M.Here Are Two Menus for Xmas;
Many Prepared Foods Save TimeBy JOSEPHINE GIBSON
Director, Heinz Food Institute

WHILE turkey or goose is traditional for Christmas, it is not essential for a joyful dinner. This year many people plan less elaborate menus. The first Christmas celebration was not luxurious, and there is no reason why elaborate feasts are necessary to have all the spirit and happiness of the season. Christmas dinners are less difficult of preparation today. Whether the traditional dinner or a very simple menu is served, work of preparing it will be reduced because of the number of prepared foods available. For instance, delicious soups can be purchased ready to heat and serve, and relishes, salad dressings, and Mince Meat or Plum or Fig Puddings also are ready, and save time and labor in the busy days before Christmas.

Traditional Xmas Dinner

Chilled Tomato Juice*
 Christmas Canape
 Cream of Oyster Soup* Crackers
 Celery Spanish Queen Olives*
 Roast Turkey or Goose with Bread Dressing Giblet Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes Buttered Brussels Sprouts or Cauliflower
 Cranberry Jelly
 Grapefruit Salad French Dressing
 Mince Meat Pie* or
 Plum Pudding* with Hard Sauce
 Coffee Nuts

Economical Xmas Dinner

Chilled Tomato Juice*
 Cream of Pea Soup* Crackers
 Celery Fresh Cucumber Pickles*
 Baked Fresh Ham Candied Sweet Potatoes
 Creamed Onions Cranberry Jelly or Pure Apple Butter*
 Carrot and Pineapple Salad
 Mince Meat Pie*
 or
 Baked Apple Stuffed with Mince Meat
 Coffee Homemade Candy

(*) Indicates foods that are purchased ready-to-serve.

Christmas Canape — Cut bread with a star cutter and toast on one side. Spread untoasted side with Sandwich Spread and place thin strips of pimiento, radiating from center to all points of the star. Chill and serve with Tomato Juice Cocktail.

Bread Dressing — Crumb on loaf of slightly stale bread. Season with salt and pepper to suit taste. Add ½ cup melted butter, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, (if desired) 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce and 1 tablespoon onion juice. Mix thoroughly and press firmly into the fowl.

JOHN GRAVES OF RISCO
HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

New Madrid, December 7.—John Graves of Risco was arrested Tuesday by Constable Wilkins on a charge of grand larceny, growing out of a complaint filed by Joe Hicks, employer of Graves.

Graves, according to witnesses, left the Hicks home last Sunday night with a pocket book, about

\$40 in cash, a cotton check and some receipts. The pocketbook was found near the house and when Graves was arrested, he readily admitted the theft. The \$40 was taken from his person. He waived his preliminary hearing before Justice Jenkins of Parma, Tuesday and was bound over to Circuit Court.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL
FROM MORLEY

(By Mrs. C. A. Stallings)

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Foster and family left Saturday morning for St. Louis for a week-end visit at the Walter Perdue home.

H. F. Emerson, Jr., of New York City arrived home Friday evening for a visit with home-folks. H. F. enlisted in the Navy seven years ago this month and married in New York later and has made his home there the past few years.

Mrs. Caroline Carter is a flu patient this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Harris and Peggy Lou returned Thursday from a few days' visit at Portageville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaughn were Cape Girardeau business visitors Thursday afternoon.
 Miss Roena Shaner of Jackson, a National lecturer for the W. C. T. U., will speak at the Methodist church here Tuesday night.

A small orchestra has been organized and met at Mrs. Ruth Finney's Monday and Tuesday nights. It is composed of Carl Holt, drum; Harley Miles and J. R. Murphy, cornets; Harold Murphy, clarinet; Wayne Cummins, banjo; Mrs. Ruth Finney, piano and C. D. Harris, Jr., violin. It is hoped to have more instruments soon.

Miss Marie Esmon, teacher of third grade, was on the sick list Thursday and Friday.

Nathan Rogers suffered a heart attack while in the cotton patch Friday, but is somewhat improved now.

Miss Ruth Jeffries, daughter of Rev. J. W. Jeffries, pastor of the Baptist church here, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Southeast Missouri Hospital at Cape Girardeau, Saturday. Her condition is satisfactory.

In a doubleheader basketball game at Blodgett Friday night, Morley high school won both games with a score of 20 to 15 for the boys and girls' 31-27.

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Twenty Pounds of FatLost Her Prominent Hips—
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Get bottle of Kruschen Salts from White's Drug Store or any leading druggist anywhere in America (lasts 4 weeks) and the cost is but little. If this first bottle doesn't convince you this is the easiest, SAFEST and the surest way to lose fat—your money gladly returned.—6.

APOPLEXY CLAIMS NEW
MADRID TAXI DRIVER

New Madrid, December 7.—George A. Burke, 59, resident of this city and for several years operator of a local taxi, died Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, following a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Burke had been a citizen of this county and town for 25 years. He was born in Pulaski County, Ky. His divorced wife, one son and one daughter, Lewis Burke of California, and Mrs. Talley LaValle of this city, survive.

Funeral services were held here yesterday, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

CARL "PAP" RIGGS DIES
FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS

New Madrid, December 7.—Carl "Pap" Riggs of this city who accidentally shot himself several weeks ago, died Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock here at his home. He was born in New Madrid County and lived here practically all his life. He was about 32 years old.

Following his accident, he was taken to the Sikeston Emergency Hospital for treatment. After several weeks he was brought home, but the injury to his spinal cord proved fatal.

A coroner's verdict in the case was suicide. Funeral services were held here Tuesday with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

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While nailing a loose plank on the potsoffice porch today Poke Eazley stated that if it wasn't for him the town wouldn't run a month.—Commercial Appeal.

Sim Flinders believes that a man should so live that when he comes home his dogs will be glad to see him.—Commercial Appeal.

LAIR STORE NEWS

"That Intersting Store"

HOME FURNISHINGS

Our 34 Year in S. E. Mo.

Our "UNLOADING" event is moving along in a very satisfactory manner to both customers and the store. Patrons are procuring more home furnishings for their money than they have been able to own for fifteen years; the store stock is diminishing steadily and more shopping continue to call as the surplus stock is brought forward to replace sold numbers. Again we desire to assure our customers that this privilege was brought about by too much buying when cotton was six to seven cents. A light inventory in January MUST be attained, hence this cut and slash plan was adopted.

Here's a suggestion for young men. Are you puzzled and undecided as to a gift for your sweetheart that will prove 100 % satisfactory? If so, then look over our beautiful showing of late modeled cedar chests. We know from every day selling experience that nine young ladies out of every ten are "crazy" for a nice chest. Take that for what it is worth, boys. The advice costs you nothing and the chests are lower than ever.

Among the most popular small gifts in our store are the Shelbourne Can't Slip bath mats at \$1.50 and \$2.75 each. These mats are made of a fine quality of plush face with rubberized back that prevents movements of the rug when on the floor. Designs are pretty in your choice of orchid, green, peach and blue.

Living room suites are moving out faster than usual under the "Unloading" prices now marked on them. Furniture salesmen tell us there is no better showing in this section—and certainly no lower prices are quoted elsewhere.

This is one time when those who need new heaters should save from \$15.00 to \$25.00 by adding one of our fine circulators, of which we have too many. We prefer selling them at cost to letting them stand around the store after January 1st.

There are hundreds of gifts in this store that will render service as well as prove ornamental. For instance, there are occasional chairs and rockers, coffee tables, Aladdin electric lamps, boudoir lamps, hooked rugs, beautiful mirrors, solid walnut what nots, end tables, and so on and on. Furniture gifts are the gifts that are always appreciated.

A co-operative movement by Sikeston business men is being launched this week to attract and entertain Christmas shoppers. From what we know of the plan, the introductory program will begin the coming Saturday with a live Santa Claus on the job distributing candy and fruits free to the kiddies. Thousands of special bargains will be available for grownups, too. This store will endeavor to keep step with other progressive Sikeston firms by offering super values for this special Christmas effort.

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Hours of Masses:
Sundays—7:30 and 9:30
June to October 7:00 and 9:00
Holy Days—6:00 and 9:00
Daily Mass.
Fr. Thos. R. Woods

FREE PENTECOST CHURCH

Highway 60, west of Frisco depot.
Services at the Free Pentecost Church every Wednesday and Saturday nights. Sunday school 10 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:45. R. A. McCord, superintendent.
Sunday morning services—10:45

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services are held each Sunday morning, 120 E. Malone Avenue.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school—9:45. Classes for all.
Morning worship—10:45. Sermon by the pastor.
Subject for morning sermon: "Hardtimes and Religion".
Epworth League—6:45.
Evening worship—7:45. Sermon by the pastor.
Subject for the evening sermon: "Intelligence, Faith and Courage".
The public is invited to worship with us.

E. H. OREAR, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:30 Jack Johnson, Superintendent.
Morning Worship—10:40 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.
Subject: "Looking For a Wife".
B. Y. P. U.—6:30.
Evening worship—7:30.
Sermon by the pastor.
Subject: "A Helpless Woman".
There will be special music at the evening hour.
The public invited to worship with us.

LESLIE GARRISON, Pastor

Wednesday evening, practice began for the Christmas music.
A Christmas program will be given by the Sunday school, the date to be announced later.
The Arbutus class will hold their Christmas party on Monday evening, December 19, at the church. A covered dish supper will be enjoyed at six o'clock, followed by a Christmas program and exchange of gifts. It is hoped that all members of the class will be present.

The T. E. L. class will meet on Tuesday evening, December 20, at the home of Mrs. R. M. Feltner. This will be the Christmas party and exchange of gifts. Each member of the class is invited to come and bring with them a prospective member.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:45
The Christmas program will be rehearsed.
Regular services—10:30. Subject "Jesus Is Coming".
E. H. KOEBER, Pastor

Y. W. A. WILL HELP NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

A business meeting of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church was held at the home of Miss Irene McDaniel Tuesday evening, December 6, with Miss Orvaline Cain hostess. The regular business was transacted at which time it was decided that at the next meeting all members were to bring any articles of old clothing, old toys, quilts, food or anything that might make some needy person happy. It was also decided

that at the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Meredith Lee, December 20, would be a Christmas party. Every member is invited to come and bring a twenty-five cent gift.

Following the business meeting, a short social hour was enjoyed. Fifteen members and one visitor, Miss Aileen Tribble, were present.

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Nazarene church will meet Friday, December 9 at 7 o'clock with the president, Miss Mary Stubblefield, in charge of the meeting and of the lesson. Every member is invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:30.
Morning Worship—10:45.
Christian Endeavor—6:30.
Evening Worship—7:30.
Mrs. Hoover will speak from the subject "In the Fullness of Time Christ Came".
Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Schwedler of New Madrid will show pictures of the Presbyterian foreign mission station.
Choir practice Wednesday—8:30.

REV. TALBERT TO ATTEND MEETING THIS WEEK-END

Rev. R. M. Talbert has been called to Kansas City for a meeting of the State Board of the Christian Endeavor Union to be held next Saturday and Sunday. He will not be able to fill his appointment here Sunday, but will be here on the third Sunday and also the fourth Sunday in December.

FIDELIS CLASS TO MEET TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

A regular meeting of the Fidelis class of the First Baptist church will be held at the home of Mrs. Bill Carson at 635 Prosperity Tuesday evening, December 13. A large attendance is desired.

RUSSELL-BRADLEY TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT, DEC. 12

The regular meeting of the Russell-Bradley Missionary Society of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Dempster Monday night, December 12, with Mrs. Ernest Tongate assistant hostess. A large attendance is desired.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary of the American Legion held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Anthony Wednesday, December 7. On account of so much flu among the members, only a small membership was present. Plans were made to prepare Christmas baskets for the needy veterans' families, and at the next meeting, which will be held Dec. 21 at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., each member is requested to bring a donation to go into these baskets. Each member is requested to bring as their guest, a mother, wife or sister of a Legionnaire. A social hour will be enjoyed after the business meeting. Mrs. Leahy Arthur will be the assisting hostess with Mrs. Blanton.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS TUESDAY

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows in the I. O. O. F. building Tuesday night, December 6, the following officers were elected:
Noble Grand—John Skelton
Vice Grand—Elmos Taylor
Recording Secretary—Charles Bethune
Financial Secretary—Sid Schilling
Treasurer—C. C. White
Trustee—R. E. Limbaugh
District Representative to Grand Lodge—C. C. White
Fruit cakes, any size, 75c per lb.—Mrs. Will Sikes. Phone 462.

A \$1.50 Dinner for 6



YOU'LL give no quarter to this dinner, which costs only a quarter per person according to the prices in most places, because it will taste so good. Here's the menu—

Baked Pork Chops 64¢
Fried Sweet Potatoes 15¢
Dressed Lettuce 25¢
Bread and Butter 10¢
Pineapple and Prune Crumb Pudding 30¢
Demi-tasse 5¢

The pork chops are baked with the taste of tomatoes, the tang of onions and a bit of rice to make them go further. Here's the way. Brown six shoulder pork chops (one and one-half pounds) in skillet with some drippings, then transfer to a casserole, and season well with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling the contents of a No. 2 can of tomatoes, add two table-

spoons rice, and pour over chops. Slice two onions over the top, sprinkle again with salt and pepper, and cover. Bake in a moderate oven, 375°, for an hour or until the chops are tender. Serves six.

A Delicious Dessert

Pineapple and Prune Crumb Pudding: You will need one cup dry crumbs, an 8-ounce can of crushed pineapple, one-half cup chopped stewed prunes, one-third cup sugar, two tablespoons butter, one-half cup prune syrup and one cup thin cream or top milk. Put alternate layers of crumbs, pineapple, prunes, sugar and bits of butter in a baking dish, having the top layer of crumbs. Pour over prune syrup and bake at 350° for about thirty minutes. Serve with light cream or top milk. Serves six.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa

I will now write to you. I am a little girl, ten years old, and in the fourth grade. I go to school at Matthews. My school teacher is Miss Georgia. I go to Sunday school every Sunday at the Christian church. Santa, I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas. A pair of gloves, drawing book, water colors, story books, fruits, nuts and candy. Dear Santa, please don't forget mother, father, brothers, sisters, grandma and grandpa.

LILLIAN JANE FORREST

My Kind Santa:

I am a little boy just six years old. I go to school at Matthews. My teacher's name is Mrs. Zimmerman. I am in the A First grade. I go to Sunday school at the Christian church at Matthews. And I have a good Sunday school teacher. Her name is Lucille Sutton. Be sure, don't forget her. Don't forget Dr. G. W. Presnell. Be sure and bring him something. Please bring me a little red tool chest, boots, caps and an overcoat. Size 6-year-old, fruit, nuts, candy. Santa, don't forget father, mother, my sisters, grandma and grandpa.

BENSON PRESNELL FORREST

Dear Santa:

I will now write you a little. I

am cold and hungry, so I would rather you would give them some toys. Santa, I've wanted a little stove for a long time and I do hope you will leave me one this Xmas. I study my lessons and have them well. Wishing you lots of Xmas cheer.

DORIS JEAN COOK

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 27 years old. I have curly hair, and blue eyes. Please bring me a little doll about 18 years old that can say dad-dy. Please bring, my friend, Dick Sparks a game law book so he'll know how many birds to kill because he thinks three is the limit. Bring Frank Miller a goal post. Well, this is all, except that we are very good boys.

SAMMY GRAHAM

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I am fine. Send me a doll and a big ball, some fruit and don't forget the other children too. Don't forget my teacher, Miss Mouser. My stocking will be by my bed.

VIRGINIA HENLEY

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years of age. This is my first year in school and I like it fine. I wish you would please bring me a drum, a pair boots, train, a gun, like they have at Sterlings and some candy, fruit and nuts. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

JOE DAVID CHANEY

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 2 years of age. Santa, I wish you would please bring me a tricycle, a little boy doll like the one daddy played with when he was a little boy. Do not forget my daddy because he has a sore foot and don't forget my mother either. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. This is all now, Santa, but I might write you again before Xmas.

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JOHN R. ROTH

Dear Santa:

How are you? I am going to unlock the door so you can get in. My stocking will be by my bed. I hope you are as jolly and as fat as you were the last time I saw you. My daddy is just about as fat as you are. Please bring me a play house, some nuts and candy. Santa, I am 8 years old and I make good grades. Don't forget the poor children.

MARY EMMA ALLEN

Dear Santa:

I thank you for the things you gave me last year. I hope you are as jolly as you were last year. I want a doll and a table and a cabinet and that will be all this year. My stocking will be hanging by the bed. Don't forget the other little children.

DOROTHY LEE BOARDMAN

Dear Santa Claus:

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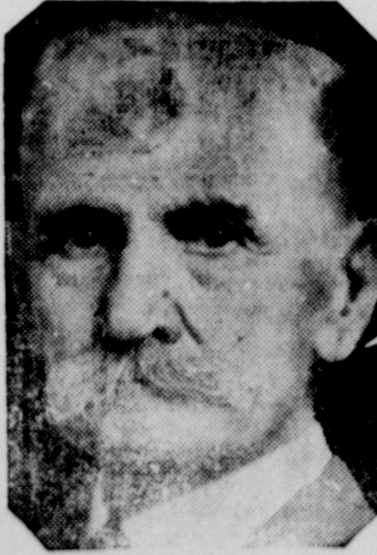
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When Caruthersville Was Destroyed By Brimstone

By Eugene Roper

Over an area approximately 2,500 square miles, extending from the present site of Hickman, Ky., down to Memphis, and then across westward to Crowley Ridge, the earth was convulsed 121 years ago in one of the greatest tremors in history—the New Madrid earthquake—a mighty shudder that, happening today, would snuff out thousands of lives and damage property to the extent of billions of dollars.

The quake, on December 16, 1811, was felt distinctly much farther away—Boston and even London—but within this restricted area in the Mississippi basin—Great primeval forests were leveled.

The Mississippi River was retrograde; great tidal waves swept the stream; the water boiled from hot gas fissures in the river bed. The immense Reelfoot Lake, with an area of about 45 square miles, was created and filled with water almost overnight.

Scores of villages and hundreds of crude dwellings were demolished in a twinkling.

The earth heaved, swayed, roared and emitted gasses with loud hissing sounds and explosions like artillery.

Thousands of sand boils and "dunes" were created, throwing sand and ore over the alluvial soil. Hundreds of sunken swamps were created in Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas and scores of other lakes were formed.

Great humps or ridges were created at other places, most of them still visible.

And like Sodom of Biblical history, the town of Little Prairie—now called Caruthersville—near New Madrid, was literally destroyed, not by water or the shudder of the earth, but by fire and brimstone!

But the inhabitants of Little Prairie were fortunate, for as their cabins rocked and the earth heaved sand and sulphur, they fled into the adjoining hills.

"They had their settlement," writes Timothy Flint, a government geographer who went to the afflicted section while the phenomenon was still fresh, "which consisted of 100 families and which was located in a wide and very deep, fertile bottom, entirely broken up. When I stopped to contemplate the traces of the catastrophe which remained, the crevices where the earth had burst were sufficient manifest and the whole region was covered with sand to a depth of two or three feet."

"The surface was red with oxide pyrites of iron and the sand blows, as they were called, were abundantly mixed with this kind of earth and with pieces of pit coal. Only two families remained of the whole settlement. When I resided there this district formerly so rich, level and beautiful, had the most melancholy of all aspects of decay, the tokens of former cultivation and habitation were now mementoes of desolation and destruction."

"Large and beautiful orchards were left, houses uninhabited, deep chasms in the earth obvious at frequent intervals: Such was the face of the country, though the people had for years become so accustomed to frequent and small shocks which did no essential injury that the lands soon were gradually rising in value again and New Madrid was slowly rebuilding with structures adapted to the apprehensions of the people."

Ole Man River took a prolonged grudge against that area of the valley. Tiptonville, in 1878, watched the river lay after day eat away its bluff bank until it reached the edge of town, according to Wilbur A. Nelson, writing for the National Geographic Magazine. The houses, as the river cut into the settlement, were moved hurriedly over to the far edge of town and the river by 1880 had devoured most of the original site. Since then, however, the meandering stream has turned again to the west, leaving the town far from its former channel.

But to get back to poor Caruthersville and New Madrid of the days of 1811 and 1812. One might get a mental picture of those awful earthquake days by looking at the effects of the tremor through the eyes of witnesses, afar and in the spot. General Rogers of Revolutionary fame, living at Rock Island, on the Caney Fork River, 200 miles to the east, saw great block of sandstone, loosed from the top escarpment 1000 feet above the river, crash down the mountainside.

At New Orleans, 600 miles away, at Detroit, Washington and even at Boston, more than 1,100 miles to the northeast, tremors from the great New Madrid earthquake were felt. According to the U. S. Geological Survey, an area of more than 1,000,000 square miles, or half that of the entire United States, was so disturbed that the vibrations could be ascertained without instruments. Even London reported slight shocks.

New Madrid was almost in the delta of the soil being a rich loam with layer after layer of loose sand and clay beneath it to a depth of 2000 feet. The earth waves came up through these 2000 feet of sand and clays and where breaks occurred on the surface streams of quicksand—veritable sand geysers—poured out.

The great forest trees moved, with branches interlocking like a wheat field swaying before a wind. Their trunks fell prostrate, or hung upon each other in grotesque shapes and angles. In wide areas the land sunk several feet, either carrying the trees down with them or rearing from their roots and

leaving the earth-line visible several feet higher. Ridges like a massive cotton field ready for planting were left.

New Madrid, laid out by the Spaniards, was near the center of this earth movement. It fared badly. The bluffs suddenly dropped from beneath the dwellers' feet and the sand geysers spouted out of hundreds of crevices, which, according to eye-witnesses, were at least 100 feet deep. The National Geographic Society quotes a river man's account of the experiences of his river captain:

"We immediately cut his cable (after the river boiled) and he put off into the middle of the river where he soon found that the current had changed. The boat was caught in a current that had the velocity of a fast horse and the captain was obliged to hold his hat to keep the wind from blowing it off! When the current resumed its natural course, a little later, the captain proceeded down the river and at daylight came to a terrific fall, which, he thinks, was at least six feet high and extending across the river."

The whirls and rippings of rapid were such that his vessel was altogether unmanageable and destruction seemed inevitable; some of the ripples were at least 30 feet deep and seemed to be formed by the water being sucked violently into chasms in the river's bottom.

"He and his men were constantly pumping and bailing by which, and with the aid of Providence, he says he got through. As soon as he was able to look around, he observed whole forests on each bank fall prostrate, to use his own comparison, like soldiers groundling their arms at the word of command."

"On his arrival at New Madrid, he found that place a complete wreck, sunk about 12 feet below its level and entirely deserted; its inhabitants, with those of the adjacent country who had fled there, were encamped in the neighborhood. He represents their cries as truly distressing."

"A large barge, loaded with 500 barrels of flour and other articles, was split from end to end and turned upside down on the bank. Of nearly 30 boats, only this and one more escaped destruction. The water ran 12 feet, perpendicularly, and threw many of the boats upon shore. Several lives were lost among the boatmen."

Over on the east side of the river, in the Reelfoot Lake vicinity, only one life was reported lost and that was an elderly woman who ran until she was exhausted.

The effects of the rhythmic motion of the earth 121 years ago is still plainly shown by the parallel lines of cypress trees growing on the low crests of the rolls or dunes in the Reelfoot region. An aerial view brings into strong relief the undulations of the earth then.

Of intense interest to us of today is the graphic account of the New Madrid earthquake through the eyes of a noted geologist, Sir Charles Lyell, Englishman, who was with Timothy Flint, U. S. geographer, on a visit to that region shortly after the cataclysm.

"The evening of December 15, 1811, in the New Madrid area was clear and quiet, with no unusual conditions that could be regarded as portending the catastrophe soon to take place," he says. "A little after 2 o'clock on the morning of December 16, the inhabitants of the region were suddenly awakened by the groaning, creaking and cracking of the timbers of the houses or cabins in which they were sleeping, by the rattle of furniture thrown down and by the crash of falling chimneys."

"In fear and trembling they hurriedly groped their way from their houses to escape the falling debris and remained shivering in the winter air until morning, during repeated shocks at intervals during the night keeping them from returning to their tottering dwellings. Daylight brought little improvement to their situation, for early in the morning another shock, preceded by a low rumbling, and fully as severe as the first, was experienced."

The ground rose and fell while earth waves like the long, low swell of the sea, passed across its surface, tilting the trees until their branches interlocked and opening the soil in deep cracks as the surface was bent. Landslides swept down the steeper bluffs and hillsides; considerable areas were uplifted and still larger areas sunk and became covered with water emerging through fissures or accumulating from the obstruction of the surface drainage."

"On the Mississippi great waves were created which overwhelmed many boats and dashed others high upon shore, the return current breaking off thousands of trees and carrying them out into the river. High banks were precipitated into the stream; sand bars and points of islands gave way and whole islands disappeared."

"During December 16 and 17 shocks continued at short intervals but gradually diminished in intensity. They occurred at longer intervals until January 23 when there was another shock similar in intensity and destructiveness to the first. This shock was followed by about two weeks of quiescence, but on February 7 there were several alarming and destructive shocks, the last equaling or surpassing any previous disturbance and for several days the earth was in a constant tremor. For fully a year from that date, small shocks occurred at intervals of a few days and then gradually died away."

The sand sloughs and allied phenomena, says the U. S. Geological Survey, occurred in three main belts, the most extensive being in the St. Francis Valley of Arkansas, between Crowley Ridge on the west and the prairie points extending from Big Lake on the south to beyond Malden, Mo., on the north. A second belt almost as extensive lies east of the prairie ridge and west of the uplift marked by the Tiptonville, Blytheville and Little River "dunes". The third belt lies between the Tiptonville "dome" and the Chickasaw Bluffs, mainly in the Reelfoot Lake region.

Hundreds of sand blows, or patches of white sand vomited upon the alluvial soil by the quake, are still visible all through the Reelfoot Lake region. On the north to Crowley Ridge on the south and west and the Mississippi River on the east, the area measuring 65 miles in length and 25 miles in width and containing 1420 square miles.

Evidence as to the cataclysm that rocked Eastern Arkansas is found also in sunken timber, lying at bottoms of swamps and deep lakes. Big Lake, in Mississippi County, presents all the evidence characteristic of submergence. The bottom of the lake is covered with a fallen forest of hardwoods that grow on uplands, with the prostrate trunks twisted in every direction.

On the Hatchie Coon sunk lands, stretching along the St. Francis River in Craighead County, oak, cypress and sweet gum are found standing in water up to their branches and in some places buried in sand. In a few instances, the roots are 50 feet below the surface. Two dozen other lakes and swamp areas in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri present the same picture of the mighty tremor.

Not content with burying forests and extruding iron oxides and sand, the earthquake also created numerous fissures in Arkansas as well as in the immediate Reelfoot neighborhood. Myron L. Fuller, who wrote the official account of the earthquake for the geological survey after months of exploration in the affected area in 1912, says that fissuring was still visible then at Lake City, on Lake St. Francis, and at Marked Tree, just to the southward, cracks 3 to 6 feet deep and 6 to 15 feet wide, extending for some distance are found. One of the cracks is filled with standing water through the wet seasons.

But the 1811 earthquake at New Madrid was not the first. As early as 1776, a severe tremor was recorded in a memorandum by John Heckewelder, missionary of the United Brethren, which frightened the Indians.

Of course, the Indians had a legend concerning the earthquake, the legend being wound around the story of a romance of an Indian maiden and a daring Indian chief. At the beginning of the

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LAND FOR DELINQUENT TAXES UNDER SPECIAL EXECUTION

No. 4657

By virtue and authority of a special execution for delinquent taxes and costs issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, dated the 16th day of November, 1932, and to me the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, in favor of the State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector of the Revenue of Scott County, in the State of Missouri, and against S. L. Cantley, Commissioner of Finance of the State of Missouri, E. L. Griffin, Special Deputy Commissioner in charge of the affairs of the Scott County Bank, Scott County Bank a corporation, and Drainage District No. 14, of Scott County, Mo., upon a judgment of said court rendered on the 16th day of November, 1932, which said judgment was declared a first and paramount lien on said real estate, lying, being and situate in Scott County, Missouri, in favor of the plaintiff, described as follows, to-wit:

"The East Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Ten (10) in Township Number Twenty-seven (27) North, in Range Number Thirteen (13) East of the Fifth Principal Meridian, except the right-of-way of the St. Louis, Memphis and Southeastern Railroad Company as the same is now located and constructed over and across said premises, in Scott County, Missouri,

in the sum of \$522.19, for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930, plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said Court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1932

at the east front door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in said County and State, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the said Circuit Court under judgment and decree of November 16th, 1932, to satisfy said judgment and costs, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, claim and interest of all the above named defendants, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said execution and costs.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of November, 1932. (SEAL)

TOM SCOTT, Sheriff, Scott County, Missouri. H. C. BLANTON, Attorney for Plaintiff

Sheriff, pub. Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9

19th century, in the rich bottom lands dwelt a tribe of the Chickasaws camped at the base of the bluffs that rose 300 feet above the Mississippi, providing the lookout points so badly needed in the wilderness.

Legend says that the mighty Indian chief was sad of heart because his only son had been born with a deformed foot. Otherwise normal, healthy and strong, the youth walked and ran with a rolling motion so that his people called him Kalopin, meaning Reelfoot. After Reelfoot became chief on the death of his father, his thoughts turned to love, and with a few chosen warriors, including Osceola, Nashola and Biwier, he wandered south into the present State of Mississippi, where the Choctaws lived.

Reelfoot sent couriers ahead to notify the Choctaw chief, Copiah, that a friendly party was approaching, and a few hours later was royally received. But no sooner arrived than he beheld the girl of his dreams, more beautiful than he had ever dared to imagine, sitting beside her chieftain father. Her name was Laughing Eyes.

Young Reelfoot lost no time in acquainting the dignified Copiah with his intentions to steal a wife from any neighboring tribe; and if he disobeyed, the Great Spirit would cause the earth to rock and the waters to swallow up his village and bury his people. Frightened, Reelfoot returned saddened, to his people, but Laughing Eyes' image would not be effaced from his mind. Brooding, young Reelfoot began to doubt the omnipotence of his Great Spirit. When the first snows fell that fall, Reelfoot and a chosen few suddenly appeared amid the Choctaws, seized Laughing Eyes and fled back north. Laughing Eyes was greatly frightened, but Reelfoot was willing to defy the Great Spirit. As the brought his bride home, they were feted by the Chickasaws; festival fires burned; the post boiled and the version was browning on the spits.

In the midst of the festival and the marriage rites, the earth began to roll in rhythm with kettle drums and tom-toms. The Indians tried to flee to the hills, but the rocking earth made them reel and stagger. Chief Reelfoot and his bride reeled also and the Great Spirit stamped his foot in anger. The Father of Waters heard, and backing up on his course, rushed over Reelfoot's country.

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The gift was accepted recently and the Board will meet Dr. Hiel-scher's request that "all income arising from said land shall be used for the library of the School of Mines and Metallurgy."

Dr. Hiel-scher was drawn to Missouri from Mankato, Minnesota, because he had never forgotten a trip through the Ozarks in his boyhood days. Interested in geology, too, he decided to spend his "vacation" in the quiet beauty of those hills and pursue the study of his geological hobby there.

The Minnesota physician has had a life full of activity. He was born in a Minnesota log cabin. At eighteen he entered Northwestern College at Naperville, Ill. Working his way thru school he was graduated with the degree of Laureate in English Literature. Next he entered the medical department of Northwestern University, graduating in 1891. Opening his office in Mankato the day following graduation, Dr. Hiel-scher has practiced there ever since.

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New Secretary of State Won Over Physical Handicap

Jefferson City, December 2.—Dwight H. Brown will go into office as secretary of State in January, the victor in a fight against the handicap of partial blindness. His election to the office is the culmination of a successful career as editor and publisher of a newspaper at Poplar Bluff for 21 years; as a member of the State Senate from his district; as president of the Missouri Press Association; vice president of the State Democratic Press Association; president of the State Chamber of Commerce, and for the last three years as pardon and parole commissioner of the State Prison Board.

As a boy in his native Scott county, the lack of luxuries in his life at times approximated the pinch of want. Where other lads with perfect sight fought hard under similar economic conditions, Dwight Brown fought a harder battle. His preliminary education was won at the State Normal at Warrensburg, Mo., where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi chapter. His parents moved to Poplar Bluff when he was 11 years old and here he attended public school. To his stepmother he gives much credit for it was she who read his lessons to him when his own tired eyes blurred.

But the physical defect was not without its advantage. It did something for Brown that proved of incalculable value to him in his later life. It made him keenly sensitive and charitable of the defects, physical or otherwise, of others and it trained for him a tenacious memory that today astonishes even his closest friends.

When Brown was 17 years old, he quit a job as bank messenger to go to Poplar Bluff to work on the Poplar Bluff Evening Citizen. It was not long until Brown became the editor and was known as the youngest editor in Missouri. For 21 years he was an editor in Poplar Bluff, during the latter part of that period, president of the Citizens Publishing Company, issuing the Interstate American, and associated with V. H. Steward in its ownership. Brown sold his interests in 1927.

Brown was defeated for the office of secretary of State in 1928, but was appointed under Republican regime to the bipartisan prison board.

Brown, dressed as a hob-o, spent vacations with them, eating at the soup houses and sleeping in "hob houses", in order, he says, to get new angles of view. He has mingled with the down-and-out of the city, the second and third hand, and the water front in New York. He has talked with the non-descripts on the park benches of the Battery and Union Square.

Brown's social surveys were known to the late James Eads How, the so-called millionaire hob-o, and a life card in the latter's national organization was issued to Brown and is a prized memento of an interesting personality.

A second hobby of the secretary of State is closely linked with the first: His love of the drama.

Strangely enough for a man of imperfect vision, he loves the stage and is always to be found in the theatre when there is a stage show or a powerful motion picture exhibited.

HE WHO MAKES NO MISTAKES DOES NOT EDIT A NEWSPAPER

Consider the editor! A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in town. The physician getteth 10 plunks. The editor writeth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurion. And the proud father giveth him a Cremona. Behold, the young one groweth up and gradueth. And the editor putteth in the paper a swell piece. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor gets a note of thanks from the sweet girl graduate.

And the daughter goeth on a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postcard that costeth six for a penny.

Behold, she returneth, and the youth of the town fall down and worship. She picketh one and lo, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our prominent young men and getteth away with it. And they send unto the editor a bid to the wedding, and behold the bids are fashioned in a far city.

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth his bit. The editor printeth a death notice.

Two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read proof on the death, and the darned thing cometh out "Gone To Her Last Roasting Place".

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subs, and they swing the hammer even unto the third and fourth generations.—Lead Belt News.

EXPECT TO START WORK ON NEW WELL MONDAY

Work of drilling a second deep well at the municipal waterworks plant is expected to start early this week, according to city officials who were instrumental in closing the contract last Monday night with the Carloss Well Company.

An electrically or gasoline driven well outfit is expected to arrive any day, and work is to start immediately.

The contract calls for a deep well and all necessary equipment including casing, motor and auxiliaries to be completed at a total net cost of \$5250—which incidentally is the approximate cost of the other deep well without motor and equipment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 5, 1932
Sikeston, Mo.
Dear Sir:
The Standard of November 22 contained an item under the caption "Immense Sum to the Favor-

ed Few", which referred to "the report to Democratic headquarters in Kansas City that Swift & Co., meat packers, had practically instructed their workers to vote for Hoover."

This is to assure you that the report referred to is absolutely unfounded. Swift & Company subscribes to no political platform. It is the policy of the company to refrain absolutely from making any statement to employees that might influence them in voting. Every employee of the company is free to vote as he pleases. He receives no advice or suggestions from the company on such matters.

The article also refers to the tax refunds received by Swift & Company from the United States Treasury, as if to suggest that these and other tax refunds were the means of financing the Republican campaign fund.

Under the federal revenue legislation of 1917, 1918 and 1919, as since interpreted by the courts, Swift & Company has paid in to the United States Treasury various sums in excess of what it was legally required to pay, and has since had same returned to it under court mandate. All of the details of these payments and refunds are an open book and a matter of record, conforming to legislation of the years referred to. There is no connection whatever between campaign contributions and tax refunds to Swift & Company as the article in The Standard suggests.

In fairness to us and to your readers, we should be grateful if you would publish our letter.

Very truly yours,
SWIFT & COMPANY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CANALOU

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Yeakey and Mrs. A. Fransler of Tanner were Sunday guests of Mrs. Yeakey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Summers.

Supt. Owen J. Taul, Clifton Thurman and Amel Taul attended the County Athletic meeting at New Madrid, Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Hartley of Kansas City were week-end guests of Mr. Hartley's parents and his sister, Mrs. B. E. Spencer and family.

John Newman and daughters, Beulah and Gracie and Miss Velma McLaurin shopped in Sikeston Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Geraldine Young spent the week-end at her home in Cape Girardeau. She was accompanied home by Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, who also teaches in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Givens and children of Morehouse, visited at the W. N. Summers' home, a short time Sunday afternoon.

The revival meeting that had been in progress at the Pentecostal church for the past three weeks, closed Sunday night. Rev. Little Page of Illinois, had charge of the services.

Mrs. George Lefler, Mrs. Joe Mays, Mrs. O. H. Crumpecker and Mrs. Lila Lowe attended the fellowship meeting of the Pentecostal churches in this district at Dexter Monday.

Cotton in this community is being picked very rapidly during these nice days. The gin at this

place is now running day and night.

The first, second and third grade children, under the direction of Miss Appalone Taul and Mrs. Wynette Davis, are now practicing on the operetta, "Santa Claus" which is to be presented on the night of Xmas eve at the gym. Mrs. Geraldine Young is assisting with the musical numbers. The children of the other rooms will also furnish a number of songs for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore and son, Wilson and Mrs. P. I. Bonner attended the show at Dexter Sunday afternoon.

The fairy tale about the cow that jumped over the moon may come true if a yearling heifer at Big Rapids, Mich., continues to grow in leaps and bounds. The heifer, owned by C. E. Lindsey, already clears fences with ease and

is jumping higher every day. Farmers are skeptical about the heifer's parentage. They point to its slender legs, dainty hoofs and short flat tail. A herd of deer sometimes grazes in the woods where Lindsey pastures his purebred jerseys. Lindsey believes his acrobatic heifer may have been sired by a buck.

Xmas coming? And the ever present question of suitable gifts to be solved. Let me suggest suits and dresses for the tots, dresses, pajamas or underwear for the older members, all made to fit their individual requirements. And how about a layette or wardrobe for the Christmas doll?

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MISSOURI FARMER REPORTS BIRTH OF CALF WITH 5 LEGS, ONE WITH MULE HOOF

If a news item in the Sweet Springs (Mo.) Herald can be accepted at face value, one Saline County farmer finds himself in position to join a circus sideshow with a genuine freak, a calf, normal in other respects, but differing in that it boasts a fifth leg with a mule's hoof.

The calf has four legs, in the conventional places where, legs belong on a calf, and a fifth leg, pointed with the left fore leg at the shoulder. This fifth leg is four or five inches back of the front leg, and is complete with joints and all, but it is a mule's hoof—or is it a calf's leg? Anyway, it has the appearance of a mule's hoof. This extra leg is somewhat shorter than the other four, but works at the same time they do. Our suggestion to Mr. Honne is that he put a block, or extension, on this fifth leg, so the calf can use it to walk on, or lean on, or do whatever a calf would want to do with a fifth leg.

REDUCING MISSOURI'S TAX BURDEN

Now that Constitutional amendments Nos. 2 and 3, which will have such far reaching effect in reducing the cost of our State government were overwhelmingly adopted in the recent election, Senator D. L. Bales of Shannon County and his associates on the Committee on Taxation and Governmental Reform are rapidly perfecting a score or more of bills which they will offer in the coming Legislature, and through which they will further seek to reduce the costs of State, County and municipal government, and thus these veteran legislators (five Democrats and five Republicans) are preparing for the final showdown on this great question.

Among the bills which are now being prepared is one which will provide for the consolidation of certain of our numerous State bureaus and commissions, and abolish outright such of these agencies as are not performing essential public service; another bill will propose the consolidation of the offices of county collector and treasurer, and circuit clerk and recorder, while a third bill will propose to reduce the salaries of certain State and County officials and employees to a point that is in keeping with the present desperate economic conditions through which all the taxpayers and citizens of our State are passing.

And now the question arises, as the above bills are thrown into the hopper when the Legislature meet in January, will our State Capitol swarm with office holders and their sympathizers who will plead with and threaten the members of the House and Senate against the enactment of these measures? And if so, will the taxpayers of the counties and cities in which these office holders reside stand for it? I am calling attention to this matter now because unless the taxpayers from one end of Missouri to the other take a hand, and impress upon their members of the Legislature to how to the line and let the chips fall where they may, they will have only themselves to blame if the great tax reduction effort which Senator Bales and his associates have in hand ends in a "flash in the pan", and this is exactly what is likely to happen if the people go to sleep at the switch.

True, more than a Constitutional majority of the members of the next House are pledged to support the program of the above Committee 100%, and this is also true of most of the newly elected State Senators, and both State political platforms of the two major parties were unequivocally pledged to this program, but even so the members of the Legislature should be made to know that

their constituents are squarely behind them, and thus it would not be surprising if every taxpayer who reads this article would sit down before he forgets it, and write a letter of encouragement to both his Representative and Senator—let these men know that you want them to abolish every unnecessary political job, and trim down salaries in keeping with existing conditions, and the services performed, and that they will have your hearty approval if they pursue this course.

Meanwhile when the Legislature gets down to business on the above measures, if county or other officials begin flocking to Jefferson City, or pestering the members with letters, and telegrams, the Missouri Farmers' Association intends to and out who they are in order that it may inform the people of the counties and cities in which these officials reside—no office will be abolished that performs a vital public service, nor will any salary be reduced beyond what is in keeping with existing economic conditions, and the service rendered, and if in an hour when tens of thousands of Missouri farmers can no longer pay their taxes, and when several hundred thousand families in our towns and cities must depend upon public charity to keep from starving, if at such a time a public official refuses to accept a fair reduction in salary, then the sooner he is compelled to hustle for his own living, the better. There is hardly a political salary in the State that was not raised several years ago on the pretext of the "high cost of living", and since that time have not these costs been greatly reduced, and has not the most of it come out of the farmer's hide?

Already some of the members of the Committee on Taxation and Governmental Reform have been covertly informed that they will be beaten if they insist upon going through with their program should they become candidates for public office in the future, but knowing these men as I do, I am sure that such threats will not swerve them from the great and unselfish service which they are rendering to reduce our present intolerable tax burdens, and furthermore I am confident that the people will remember this service in times to come. In conclusion, once more I suggest that every taxpayer who reads this article write to his Representative and State Senator, asking them to stand behind Senator Bales and his associates from start to finish, and also watch how the officials of our county act when the showdown comes—if we ever expect to have our State, County and municipal taxes cut to the bone, now is the time to get this job done.—Wm. Hirth, President, Missouri Farmers' Association, Columbia.

SQUIRREL SEASON IN MISSOURI IS CLOSED

When the 1932 wild turkey season opened December 1, the end of the year's squirrel shooting period closed. Squirrels have been plentiful throughout the State this year, reports from hunters show. Excepting in the northern tier of counties and in a few scattered areas in the Ozarks, squirrels had been scarce for the two seasons previous.

There are three squirrels in Missouri, the southern gray squirrel, the western fox squirrel and the small eastern flying squirrel. The latter squirrel, however, is almost entirely nocturnal in its habits and, altho' fairly abundant throughout the State, is seldom observed by hunters.

Squirrel shooting affords much sport to nimrods of Missouri and ranks well alongside the rabbit and quail shooters in number of devotees.

The squirrel season now will remain closed until June 1.

Another rock quarry being opened in vicinity of Miami Station.—DeWitt Herald.

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News of the Town

By Mrs. C. M. Harris, Phone 581

J. A. Fields, who had been employed at the Planters' Gin since the first of September, left today for his home at Henning, Tenn. Mr. Fields was a dinner guest last evening at the W. W. Lankford home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mount and son, William, and Mrs. Lizzie Scott were in Simpson, Ill., last Sunday, where they attended the funeral services of Robert Lay. Burial took place at Vienna. Mr. Lay was killed last Friday night while out hunting. He is survived by his wife, two children and grandchildren. Mr. Lay was an old acquaintance of Mr. Mount and Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Barney Forrester has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Virginia Mount, a student at Christian College, Columbia, is expected home next Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mount.

Charles Chaney and family moved last Saturday to the Wm. Carson home.

A letter from Mrs. Lon Givan states that she is getting along fine. Mrs. Givan accompanied her daughter and husband to their home near Chicago, eight weeks ago and is in a hospital in that city. The friends here will be glad to know she is improving.

Mrs. Jim Hinkle is confined to her home suffering with heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Hamby of Vanduser were Sikeston visitors, Monday.

The J. O. Y. class of the First Baptist church held its meeting, Tuesday evening at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Mollie Harper. At this time the members of the Fidelis class were guests. A very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all.

Cecil Carlson, who has been suffering with a mangled foot, still improves and expects to be able to go to work, Monday.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist church will meet next Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Norma Davis. All members requested to be present.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, December 21, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Keady.

The Ebert-Keady Missionary Society of the Methodist church held its meeting Wednesday afternoon. Election of officers was held, and the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. A. Dempster; vice-president, Mrs. John Sellards; recording secretary, Mrs. R. C. Finley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Ferrell; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Keady; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. J. L. Tanner; superintendent of Bible and Mission study, Mrs. J. M. Massengill; superintendent of Christian social relations, Mrs. R. C. Matthews; press and publicity, Mrs. E. H. Orear; superintendent of local work, Mrs. J. N. Ross; recording secretary (local work), Mrs. T. B. Dudley; agent of Mission voice, Miss Sadie Emory.

Mrs. J. N. Ross and Mrs. E. H. Orear went to Cape Girardeau, Tuesday, where that afternoon they attended the Centenary M. E. Missionary Society meeting. Also at this time Mrs. Ross installed the new officers of the society.

Mrs. Ralph Cutrell is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. H. Bess of Poplar Bluff came Monday for a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Weber and son, Wayne Bess and families.

Mrs. J. T. Singleton returned Wednesday to her duties at Graber's, after a few weeks' absence on account of illness.

Mrs. Lilbourn Stepp and small daughter, Louise and Miss Stepp of New Madrid were Sikeston visitors, Saturday.

Little Sonny Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stephens, is confined to his bed this week on account of sickness.

George Carroll of Parma is visiting at the home of his brother, Jake Carroll and wife.

J. W. son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Carroll, is absent from school this week, suffering with flu and tonsillitis.

Mrs. J. R. Elkins is unimproved at this writing.

Mrs. Buck Sitzes is reported to be among those confined to their home on account of illness.

Miss Lucille Kendall, who has been confined to her bed with intestinal flu the past several weeks, is slowly improving.

Miss Florence Withrow, who has been making Chicago her home the past year and a half, returned Monday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Withrow and her numerous friends.

Mrs. Mary Tippy came Monday to visit her son, Willie Tippy, and family near Miner. Mrs. Tippy had been at Wickliffe, Ky., since last July with her twin sister, Mrs. Martha Armstrong, who is sick.

Mrs. W. C. Walker returned Sunday to her home at Memphis, Tenn., after a ten-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Lankford and family.

Mrs. T. C. McClure, who has been confined to her home with the flu, is better.

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Mrs. R. A. Moll and daughter, Lavinia, were Cape Girardeau visitors, Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Comer, Mrs. Chris Porter and Miss Beulah Howe of this city motored to Dexter Monday morning. While in that city they had the pleasure of taking an airplane ride in one of the planes belonging to the company of which Mr. Comer is manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meyers and granddaughter, Miss Mildred, spent Sunday in Caruthersville visiting Miss Meyer's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cramer, formerly of Texas, who are now in business in Caruthersville.

Mrs. DeWitt Barry of near Keokuk visited Miss Ada Mays and Mrs. B. L. LaCour, Wednesday.

Mrs. B. L. LaCour and children and Miss Ada Mays spent last week-end in Marked Tree, Ark.

Charles Morris of Atlantic City, N. J., is visiting Miss Ada Mays this week.

Mrs. Bryan Bradley, Oscar Carroll, Tom Roberts and Ben Welter drove to St. Louis Thursday morning, returning that night.

Mrs. Wm. Foley entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kevil entertained with a dinner bridge Tuesday evening.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PARIS APPEAL

In Russia they are making real rubber from dandelion juice. In the United States people are making real wine from the dandelion plant. Russia probably makes bread from corn which we Americans find more valuable for whiskey. No wonder Russia is classed among the backward nations.

Ninety per cent of the plans for farm relief revolve about better prices for wheat. Ninety per cent of the farmers are consumers, not producers, of wheat. Practically every farmer is a producer of livestock, poultry and dairy products. Better markets for these items will help Agriculture as a whole while subsidies to wheat will bring benefits to very few outside of Kansas, Oklahoma and the Dakotas. Therefore, be it resolved that we give more consideration to producers of livestock, dairy products and the poultry industry and make less ado about wheat.

We hear a good many people say the depression is the finest thing that ever happened to the American people because it has brought them to a knowledge of the truth that prosperity does more harm than good. Ninety-nine per cent of those who take this view of things are individuals with good salaries, fat jowls and and all the makings of riotous living. They would take a different view of the situation if their bank accounts should be extinguished, their coal bins emptied and their families reduced to actual want, as ten million families have been since the depression set in. They probably approve of the depression because it has passed them by.

Half the country is overflowing with food while the other half is hungry. Can you beat this, an agitator inquires. Yes, indeed, and by pointing to the penitentiaries. Most of them are filled with two-for-a-nickel offenders—chicken stealers, forgers of two-dollar checks, sellers of half pints of moonshine—while banquet halls and palaces reek with rich rascals who fleeced thrifty, trusting people out of their savings. Nothing contributed so much to unemployment, bank failures and human woe of other sorts as the stock market boom and the sale of those worthless foreign bonds. Are we to let it go at that? If so, we should repeal all our statutes against petit larceny.

Christmas Cookies and Candies

By JOSEPHINE GIBSON
Director, Heinz Food Institute

THE most hospitable time of the year is the Christmas holiday. There are more callers—people drop in to see the trees, the gifts, and to renew old friendships. It's a time when all radiate happiness and when people mingle more than at any other season. When callers come, it is popular to serve home-made cakes, cookies and candies with tea or punch. Busy days do not always permit baking cakes months ahead, as in olden times, but attractive cookies are equally appropriate. Cookies mixed and placed in the refrigerator to be taken as needed, little home-made macaroons, or spicy drop cookies are up-to-date varieties for Christmas. Below are recipes for making cookies and candies:

Spice Drop Cookies—Cream ½ cup shortening and ½ cup sugar and add 1 egg, well beaten. Sift together 1¼ cup flour, ¼ teaspoon soda, ¼ teaspoon each of cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon, and add to creamed mixture alternately with 3 tablespoons sour milk. Add 1½ cups Rice Flakes (crushed after measuring) ¼ cup chopped nuts and ¼ cup raisins. Drop by teaspoons on a greased cookie sheet and bake in hot oven at 425-450°F. for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 2 dozen cookies. Serve with tea or punch.

Refrigerator Cookies—Beat 2 eggs well. Add 2 cups brown sugar, ½ tablespoon vanilla and ½ cup butter (measured first then melted) then add ¾ cups flour, sifted with 1 teaspoon soda and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Add 1 cup Rice Flakes and ½ cup nuts. Pack into a pan lined with waxed paper, chill, slice thinly and bake for about 5 minutes in a hot oven (425°F.). This cookie batter may be made and kept in the ice box almost indefinitely, baking it just as cookies are needed. Bakes 50 very thin cookies 2" x 4".

Fruit Macaroons—Crush 1 cup Rice Flakes finely and mix with ¼ lb. pitted chopped dates and ¼ cup almonds or pecans. Whip 4 egg whites stiffly, fold in ¼ cup sugar gradually, 1 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract, or ½ of each, and mixture of Rice Flakes, dates, and nuts. Drop by tablespoons on well greased baking sheet and bake for about 20 minutes in a slow oven (300°F.). Serve with salads, ice cream, or punch. Makes 2½ dozen macaroons.

Divinity Fudge—Mix together 2 cups granulated sugar, ½ cup dark corn syrup, ½ cup cold water, and 1 teaspoon Pure Vinegar. Cook slowly, without stirring, until the mixture forms a very firm almost brittle ball in cold water. Pour gradually over 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten, and beat until creamy. Add 1 cup nut meats and 1 teaspoon vanilla (a little almond extract may also be added if desired). Pour into a buttered pan and mark into squares. Canned cherries may also be added and are especially nice at Christmas time.

Peanut Butter Fudge—Mix 2 cups granulated sugar, ½ cup milk, 2 tablespoons corn syrup and 1 tablespoon Pure Vinegar. Boil to 236°F. or until a soft ball is formed in cold water. Remove from fire, cool, to 110°F. and add ¼ cup Peanut Butter. Beat until creamy, after adding ½ teaspoon vanilla. Pour into buttered pan and cut in squares.

Our Research Department is ready to report on the relation of girls who smoke in public to the growing sale of cigarettes. It finds they are all that have saved the industry since money quit growing on trees. One girl of this type, our investigators state, is worth five to ten men smokers or as much as twenty women who smoke in private. This is because she smokes for vanity's sake. With set face she goes about her task. The idea is to impress the spectators with her ability to consume cigarettes and clutter up the atmosphere with smoke. Instead of relaxing and getting some real satisfaction from the process, the thing is a task. And instead of resting between smokes or taking time out for whatever is going on, these girls pause only long enough to light another tag, so fearful are they that somebody will not see them in action and therefore not understand how devilish they really are. Fortunately for the industry, the girl who smokes in public came along just as hard times were driving men to short cigarette rations or to pipes. She soon took up the slack. But she fools nobody who really likes tobacco because all real lovers of the wood know there is no satisfaction in smoking that way, other than the satisfaction incident to self-deception. Instead of being impressed, the spectator is amused at such a travesty on real smoking.



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Historical Missouri

By Floyd C. Shoemaker

Floyd C. Shoemaker, Border war feeling in Missouri and Kansas was running high late in 1855, when on December 4, seventy-seven years ago this week, a band of pro-slavery men seized the United States Arsenal at Liberty, Mo., and carried off arms and munitions to be used in Kansas. The event foreshadowed the day, a little over five years later on April 20, 1861, when the Liberty Arsenal was again seized by pro-slavery men on the threshold of the Civil War.

About 3 p. m. on the afternoon of December 4, 1855, Luther Leonard, the military storekeeper at the Liberty Arsenal, was surprised by a force of about 100 pro-slavery men led by Major Ebenezer Price. Under protest, the storekeeper and his assistants were placed under an armed guard while the invaders took possession of the government property. Resistance was useless.

From the military stores, the armed men took 3 field pieces, 55 rifles, 67 sabres, 100 dragon pistols and 20 revolvers, together with ammunition. The arms were intended for use by the pro-slavery men of Missouri in the Kansas border war troubles. Leonard reported the seizure later that day to Col. E. V. Sumner at Fort Leavenworth, and then notified authorities at Washington, D. C. But the offenders had proceeded into Kansas, where during the month of December, they took part in events connected with the Wakarusa War in the vicinity of Lawrence.

On December 10, Capt. William N. R. Beall of the First U. S. Cavalry came to Liberty from Leavenworth to guard the Arsenal from another threatened attack. He found that the robbery of arms was "on a large scale", and told the prominent citizens of Liberty that the property must be returned. The next day the property was being returned to the Arsenal, Beall reported, but \$400 worth was never regained. No arrests were ever made in the affair.

The Liberty incident of 1855 was a part of the border disturbances that swept Missouri and Kansas after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill by Congress in 1854, and before the admission of Kansas as a free State in 1861. During this period occurred what is known in history as the border war. The Kansas-Nebraska act had placed on the territory the problem of choosing for itself whether it should be free or slave soil. There followed the passage of this bill, a frenzied race between the free and pro-slavery factions throughout the country to obtain a majority in Kansas and thus determine her status on the slavery question before admission as a State.

To Missourians, particularly in the extreme western border counties, the future position of Kansas on slavery was a vital problem. A pro-slavery convention which met at Lexington on July, 1855, estimated that along the Kansas border in Missouri were 50,000 slaves, and at prevailing prices, these slaves were valued at 25 million dollars. The nearness of free soil in Kansas would put this property at hazard because of the increased opportunity of escape.

In many parts of Missouri, pro-slavery associations were formed to send men and means into Kansas to win the State for slavery. Other Southern States helped Missouri in this work. Such men

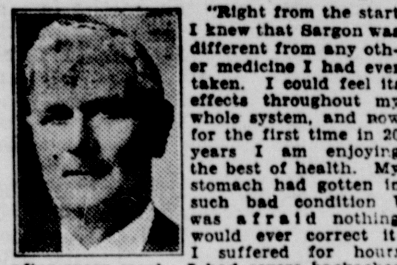
as former-senator D. R. Atchison, Claiborne F. Jackson, Col. Sam Young, James M. Burns, and former attorney-general Benjamin F. Stringfellow worked actively in Missouri in the pro-slavery cause, or led armed forces into Kansas. Atchison openly advocated that Missourians cross the border and vote in Kansas elections. Feeling ran high in Missouri, and when a paper at Parkville, Mo., disapproved of the election tactics of the Missourians, it was destroyed, and the action of the mob was approved by several Missouri counties.

But the North, meanwhile, was

not inactive. In Massachusetts was formed the New England Emigrant Aid Society, whose purpose was to induce free-soil emigrants to settle in Kansas. To Kansas also came such anti-slavery leaders as John Brown and James Montgomery, and others.

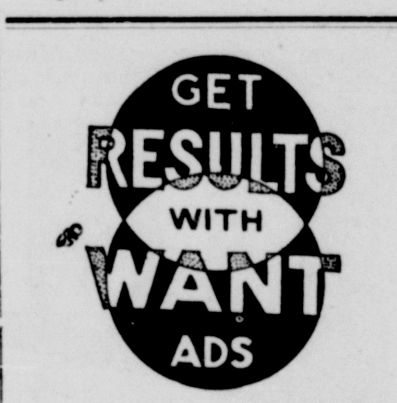
Armed combat marked the years of the Border war, and raids were made by the pro-slavery advocates into Kansas, and by the free-soil men into Missouri. The activities of the "Border Ruffians", or slavery advocates, and the "Jayhawkers", or free-soil men, finally merged into the greater conflagration of civil war in 1861.

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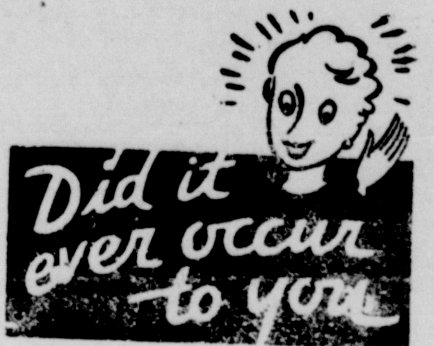
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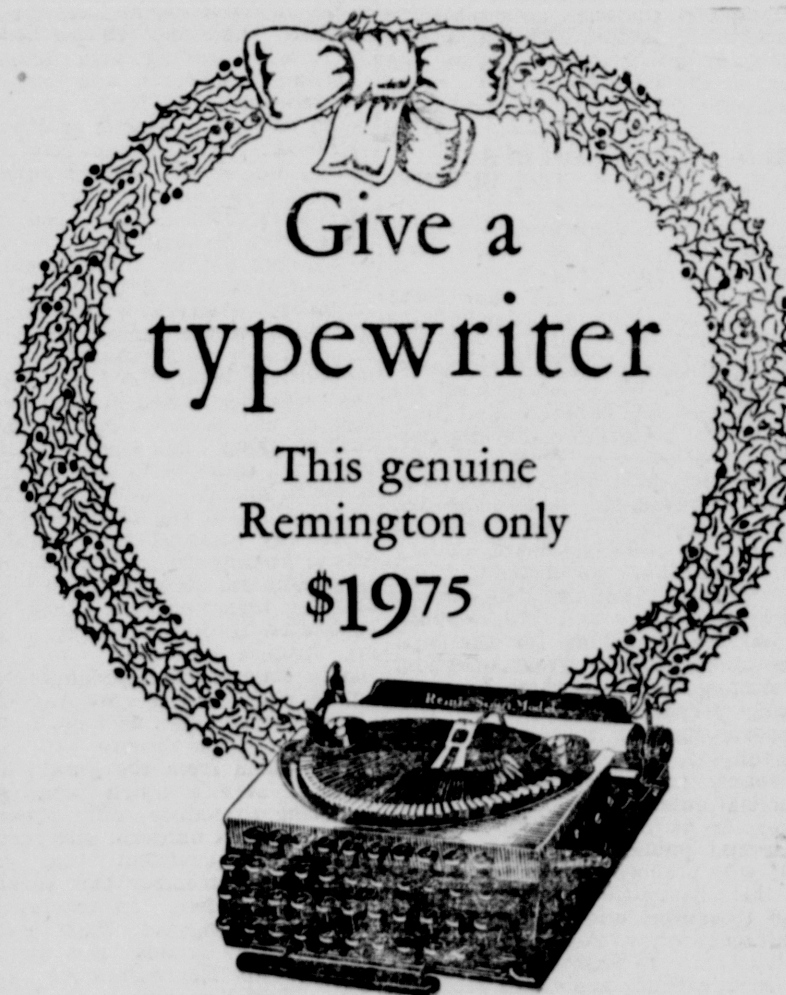
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